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... That He is Preparing for a Big Movement.

BUT LITTLE NEWS IS COMING

Few Details Indicate the English Are Saving Their Forces.

THE DARING BOERS BUSY

Continue to Harass the British at Different Points—Beginning of 7th Month.

... A ... In a recent ... about ... that Roberts when ... Prince of Wales at Cape ... upon his ... added two or three ... portending an advance ... combinations.

... are passed around ... that Roberts ... army effectively and that ... Boer commandos will ... Scraps of news, ... and another there, have ... tonight ... comparatively ... but do not illuminate ...

... at Wepener still hold off ... Methuen has worked eastward ... within 80 miles of Kroonstad. ... gone around Ladysmith ... Dewdrop and other ... Buller's flanks and rear. The ... Buller's irregular horse ... the Boers in Natal at 18,000, but ... figures are probably excessive, 10, ... regarded here as the outside ...

After General Hart's brigade leaves ... him, Buller will still have close upon 35 ... 000 men. It is generally assumed that this ... is going to join Roberts, but its ... destination is really unknown. A Boer ... to Portugal regarding the use by the ... of the Beira route for transportation ... of troops to Rhodesia may, if the ... act against Portugal, lead ... Britain to land troops at Lorenzo ... This possibility has been seriously ... discussed and is referred to at length ... morning papers today.

... of the Boer peace commis... been, Fischer has asked Italy ... and the Italian minister of ... affairs, Marquis Di Visconti Ve... replied that while he would ... the best he could do would ... put their proposals to London, ... the course of the United ...

... Alfred Milner, when replying to a ... of clergymen in Cape Town ... said:

... must be the motto of all ... but not from a ... desire to trample on a ... misguided men. There must ... promise or patchwork in the set... no opportunity for misun... fatigue or revival of impos... or accumulation of enor... ments.

... will no longer tolerate the ... antagonistic political systems in a ... which the nature of history have ... to be one.

... utterances Sir Alfred ... speaks for the imperial ...

... Roberts now has 211,000 ... with 12,000 more afloat ... The war office has in ... not to take any more ex... to Africa for revolvers.

... Steyn, brother of President ... the course of an interview at ... said:

The original plan of the Boers was to ... all Cape Colony, but, on becom... in the sieges of Kimberley ... Ladysmith the burghers found the ... To this they attribute the ... to conquer the British. I expect ... to last until Christmas."

... month of the war is beginning ... and the morning papers ... expatiate upon the need of ...

The Casualty List.

... April 12 The war office issued ... a return of the total British ... up to April 7. It was as fol...

... in action, officers, 211; men ...

... of wounds, officers 18; men 165.

... and prisoners, officers 168; ...

... of disease, officers 47; men 185.

... deaths, officers, 3; men, 31.

... invalids, officers 288; men ...

... officers, and men, 13,365.

... figures are exclusive of the sick ... now in the hospital.

... must be added the losses of ... and the wounded, aggregat... 10,000 men, making a grand ... of 23,000 officers and ... of action.

Battle at Wepener.

Pretoria, April 12 Advices from Wepener, where the British force is surrounded, say the battle continues favorable to the federals. About 1500 British are still to be there.

A heavy cannonade was heard this morning in the direction of Burfontein situated half way between Winburg and Boshof, in the Orange Free State, north of Brandfort. Advices from boer headquarters in Natal say that after a heavy bombardment the British retired in the direction of Ladysmith and the federals are going to their old positions.

Must Keep Them Fighting.

Bloemfontein, Wednesday, April 12—According to information received here the Boer activity eastward of the railroad and proximity of the border largely to the fact that Kruger and Steyn found that they were unable to keep their forces together in inactivity, the burghers declaring that they were unwilling to remain with the commandos unless actively employed as they are convinced the British game is a waiting one. It is believed the Boer plan was originally designed to oblige Roberts to weaken his forces at Bloemfontein in order to protect the railroad, when the Boers would have attempted the recapture of the capital. The burghers are evidently ignorant of the enormous forces that Roberts has at his disposal.

Advices from Karee Siding say that the Boers are busily entrenching a position east of Brandfort running parallel with the railroad, while they are still strongly holding the water vaal drift and waterworks.

Olivier's Commands,

Cape Town, April 12—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Cape Argus says: "Olivier's commando is moving in the direction of Smithfield. Five different laagers are located between Bethany and Kaffir river, lying parallel to the railway, twelve miles eastward."

A Boer Ruse.

London, April 12—The Daily Mail's Lorenzo Marques special says: It is reported from Pretoria that a Boer commando is moving through Basutoland. This is said to be a clever ruse to draw the British away from Wepener.

About 2000 foreigners constitute the new foreign legion in Pretoria, including some Cossacks in uniform. Several fresh recruits left here for Pretoria today, including a French captain, brother of the late General de Villebois Mareuil.

The Daily Telegraph's Bloemfontein special says: "Lord Roberts wisely declines to exhaust his men and horses in hunting the elusive Boers until his preparations are complete. He will leave to the enemy the barren comfort of the occupation of a few farms for a short time.

Lose Four Commandants.

Aliwal North, April 12 News from a Boer source at Wepener, officially communicated, says four Boer guns have been disabled, and four commandants killed or wounded. Tuesday night the British made a sortie, capturing a Boer gun and taking some prisoners.

Situation at Wepener.

London, April 12 The Times Bloemfontein special says: The latest news is that Col. Dalgety's force occupied a position outside of Wepener, while the Rouxville commando occupies the town itself. The pressure there should be partially relieved within the next 24 hours. Lieut. Nix the Dutch military attache who was wounded at Koorn Spruit, died today under an operation.

Aliwal North, April 12, 6 p. m.—The colonial troops are still holding their own splendidly at Wepener. Cannonading recommenced this morning. The Boer attack yesterday was not very serious. The British are carefully husbanding their ammunition and their guns are making excellent practice. The Boers are short of ammunition. The patrol returning from Smithfield reports small groups of Boers visible.

MANY BANKRUPTCY CASES

Referee Shutt Sends Semi-Annual Report to Washington.

Springfield, April 12—Referee Shutt of the bankruptcy court has prepared his semi-annual report and it will be forwarded to Washington tomorrow. The report covers the operations of the court from the 1st of October to March 31.

Within the period embraced by it, 191 cases have been taken before the referee and have been settled or are still pending. The cases settled are largely those reported previously. The cost of settlement in a bankruptcy case is $10, including fees, with the exception of course of those of the bankrupt's lawyer, if he has one. This is about one-third as much as was required under the old law.

The assets have averaged almost nothing and in some cases the bankrupt has been unable even to meet the costs of the process. Such cases are classified in the report as "pauper."

The national association of credit men has drawn up and forwarded to congress a memorial asking that the proposed amendment to the bankruptcy law as formulated by the National Association of Bankruptcy Referees be passed. This petition has been already read in the house and senate and the credit men and referee are watching the attitude of these bodies in regard to it closely.

An Earthquake.

Vienna, April 12—A severe earthquake occurred at Toron,, Bohemia. 60 houses being destroyed, though without loss of life. The shocks continue and it is feared the town must be abandoned altogether.

FLOOR GAVE WAY

And Caused Collapse of a Pittsburg Four Story Building.

THREE PERSONS KILLED

Ten or Twelve More Sustained Injuries of Serious Character.

WAS UNDERGOING REPAIRS

Concentration of Stock at One Place Caused the Accident.

Pittsburg, April 12.—Without warning with a rush, and a roar, the four-story brick building at the corner of Second avenue and Wood street collapsed today, burying in the ruins a number of people, three of whom were taken out dead and six were badly hurt, several others were slightly injured. The dead are:

Jones, aged 61.

Eugene Bernhardy, aged 29.

Oscar Bigler, carpenter.

The injured are: Noah Casper, salesman, leg broken, badly bruised.

Joseph Sloss, lieutenant fire company, ribs broken.

Michael Shaug, steam fitter, leg broken, arm crushed.

James Sullivan, steam fitter, leg broken and arm crushed.

James Sullivan, steam fitter, badly cut and bruised.

James V. Sims, carpenter, badly cut and bruised.

August Ferdegard, severely shocked.

The building was occupied by the Armstrong McKelsy Lead Oil company. It was being remodeled by contractors, who were converting the lower floors of the corner store and that next door, into one large room, which was to have been occupied by the lead company. About 18 feet of the middle partition had been removed and steel girders supported by heavy iron posts were in place, and the finishing touches were being put on the remodeling work. The firm this morning began to transfer their stock from one room to the other and apparently centralized a heavy weight of lead and oils about the middle of the structure. This is the only solution advanced for the collapse, which began by the second floor breaking through, carrying with it the two floors above, making a breach from top to bottom through the center of the building.

The fact that the rear portion of the building on Second avenue did not collapse saved many lives. It was in that part of the building that the offices are located, in which there were about ten persons.

Rumors say that many people were buried under the debris, but the list above comprise all the casualties. The loss to the firm will be about $10,000.

The Beer Stamp Thieves.

New York, April 12.—Internal Revenue Agent Frank G. Thompson, late today admitted that Thomas Blaney, a Brooklyn barkeeper who was arrested at the Astor house with internal revenue beer stamps worth $10,000, which had been stolen in Washington, and Chicago, in his possession, had made a statement which implicated a former criminal prosecutor in Brooklyn and a suspicious character said to be named Reilly. Thompson says that while the Washington and Chicago robberies amount to only $16,000, there was some time ago two other robberies of the same sort, which aggregated $26,000. It is said bare stamps thieves who had been operating for the last three years in the United States, have stolen altogether stamps worth $100,000.

Politics Caused It.

Wabash, April 12.—President H. P. Albaugh, of the North Manchester college, a leading educational institution of the German Baptist denomination of the United States, has tendered his resignation and the trustees have accepted it. Politics are said to have brought about his retirement.

Blind Physician Killed.

Boston, April 12.—Dr. J. P. Cooke, a blind physician who recently figured in a sensational case here, was found dead in his home tonight with a pistol shot wound in his mouth. His wife, Charlotte, is under surveillance.

Bank Closed.

Topeka, April 12.—The citizen's state bank at Yates Center was closed today by Deputy Bank Commissioner Waterman. There is a heavy shortage, but Waterman says it may be made good when the board of directors and stockholders meet.

Complete Ticket.

Raleigh, N. C., April 12.—The democratic state convention today named a full ticket headed by Charles B. Aycock of Wayne county, for governor.

Sutton's Trial.

Lansing, April 12.—Judge Wiest today set the trial for Col. Eli R. Sutton, charged with complicity in all g... m... itary supply frauds for April 25.

BAEZ PETITION.

Supreme Court Denies the Right To File It.

Washington, April 12—The supreme court today denied leave to file the petition of Ramon Baez, a citizen of Porto Rico, for a writ of habeas corpus and certiorari in the proceeding against him for violation of the Porto Rican election law by the provisional courts of that island, Baez being now in confinement under this proceeding. The decision was announced by the chief justice, who made a brief explanation of the court's attitude. The court did not enter at all upon the question of jurisdiction or decide any of the more important points raised by the petition.

The chief justice said in his explanation that the application was not made to the court until March 26, on the eve of a two weeks' recess. This delay was, he said, in the face of the fact that Baez had from December 11 to apply for relief. Because of this delay, he said, the court's interposition would have been unavailing if it had taken jurisdiction. If the writ of habeas corpus had been issued April 9, the next court day after the petition was presented to the court, the imprisonment would have expired six days afterwards and 14 days before the person having him in custody would be required to make his return. Thus before the case could be heard upon the writ and return, the prisoner would be no longer in custody.

He stated in conclusion that the court was not to be understood as intimating in any degree an opinion on the question of jurisdiction or other questions raised by the petition.

Prosperity in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., April 12—An increase of $3,001,837.95 in bank deposits in this state in the last 12 months is what the report of Secretay Hall of the banking board, issued today, shows when compared with the one issued just a year ago. The report given out by Mr. Hall is an abstract of the condition of state and private banks, including savings banks of Nebraska, at the close of business March 12, 1900. The end of the first fiscal quarter of a year the total of general deposits is $22,254,888.69. The same fund last year amounted to $19,253,050.74. This year there are 409 institutions transacting business last year there were 895. The total present resources of banks under state control is $32,111,363.17.

St. Louis Boy Suicide.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12—Clarence Wilson, 17 years old, who said his residence was in St. Louis committed suicide this morning, taking a dose of poison.

Last night at midnight he entered the Men's Home, at No. 86 Main street, and paid for lodging for the night. A half hour later groans were heard emanating from his room and an attendant upon going into the room, found Wilson lying on the bed unconscious. Before he died he said he lived in St. Louis.

Contract Labor.

San Francisco, April 12—Thirty-three of 219 Japanese steerage passengers who arrived on the steamer Belgian King a few days ago have been refused a landing by the immigration officials, but have appealed to the secretary of the treasury, and pending a reply from Washington will be held here.

The principal reason for their rejection by the officials is the discovery of evidence that the Japanese came here as contract laborers.

Open for Settlement.

Washington, April 12.—The president has signed the proclamation opening to settlement the northern half of the Colville Indian reservation in Washington, to go into effect October 10 next. The land comprises about a million and a half acres. It will be disposed of under the homestead laws at a dollar and a half per acre.

Plague Riot.

Bombay, April 12.—Plague riots have taken place at Cawnpore, where the Segregation camp has been destroyed and ten persons have been killed.

The rioters killed five constables and threw three bodies into the burning camp. Order has now been restored, but all business is suspended and the populace is sullen. Troops are patrolling the city.

Buying Horses in Indiana.

Indianapolis, April 12—Horse dealers in this city are purchasing horses for the use of the British cavalry in South Africa. Three car loads bought yesterday will be shipped today to Kansas City for inspection. From there they will go to Galveston, where they will be taken on board a steamer. Mules are also being bought for the same purpose from Indiana farmers.

Com. Garst's Assignment.

Washington, April 12.—Commander P. Garst has been detached from duty at Washington navy yard and ordered to command the Michigan on the great lakes. The Michigan will be used as a training ship.

Instructed for Bryan.

Washington, April 12.—The district democrats at a convention today selected delegates to the national democratic convention at Kansas City, instructed for Bryan.

Old Concord Church Burned.

Concord, Mass., April 12—The First Parish church, one of Concord's best known historic buildings, was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is $225,000.

JONES EXPLAINS

The Arkansas Senator Thinks Courts Will Settle Porto Rican Question.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL

Effort Made to Have It Displace Spooner Bill In Senate.

THE DAY IN THE HOUSE

House Discusses Senatorial Elections by the People.

Washington, April 12—An effort was made in the senate today by Morgan to displace as present unfinished business, the Spooner Philippine bill by the substitution of the Nicaragua canal bill. While Mr. Morgan's motion failed 15 to 33, the Philippine measure had a narrow escape from being displaced by the Alaskan civic code bill on motion of Mr. Carter, the motion being defeated on a roll call by 22 to 24. The feature of the day's proceeding was an exhaustive discussion of the Quay case by Burrows of Michigan. The senators on both sides of the chamber gave him the most careful hearing and at the conclusion of his speech warmly congratulated him. Mr. Jones (Ark.) chairman of the democratic national committee opened the session with a sharp retort to the charge made against him in the house yesterday by Dolliver of Iowa.

When the senate convened today Mr. Cullom, presented a conference report on the agricultural executive judicial bill. The report was agreed to.

Mr. Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national committee addressing the senate on the question of personal privilege, defended his action in offering the amendment to the PortoRican relief bill, proposing to refund duties collected from the people of Porto Rico who paid those duties. This action was attacked by Mr. Dolliver of Iowa, in the house yesterday during the debate on the Porto Rican tariff bill. Mr. Jones said he offered the resolution from a conviction the government of the United States had no right to levy any tariff or duties upon the products coming from Porto Rico. He withdrew the amendment having become satisfied the whole matter should be left to the courts to settle.

Mr. Burrows of Michigan, then addressed the senate on a resolution relative to the seating of Quay; and strongly opposed allowing Quay a seat in the senate.

Unfinished business, the Spooner bill, being before the senate, Mr. Morgan moved to proceed to the consideration of the Nicaraguan canal bill, which would have displaced the Spooner bill, as unfinished business.

The motion was lost, 15 to 33.

Mr. Carter then asked the senate to proceed with the Alaskan civil code bill, but the motion was defeated 22 to 24.

The senior senator from South Dakota was unable, on account for Mr. Morgan's objection, to get his resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers before the senate, and he then addressed the senate as if the resolution was under consideration.

The senator maintained that his resolution ought to be adopted. If it were not, it would be the first time in history that the senate failed to stand by a nation struggling for liberty.

After an executive session, at 4:50 the senate adjourned until Saturday.

DISCUSS DEPOSITORIES.

And Election of United States Senators By the People.

Washington, April 11.—The house today, after a spirited debate, adopted the resolution reported from the insular affairs committee to authorize the secretary of the treasury to designate depository in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines for the deposit of government funds. By the terms of the resolution it applies to Cuba only so long as it shall be occupied by the United States. An amendment to include the Philippines in this provision was defeated by a party vote. The senate bill which will permit dependent mothers of soldiers or sailors of the Spanish war, even though they married confederate soldiers, to receive the benefit of the general pension law, was passed.

The remainder of the day was devoted to a debate upon the resolution from the committee on the election of president, vice president and representatives in congress for a constitutional amendment empowering the legislatures of states to decide whether United States senators shall be elected by the legislatures or directly by the people. A substitute resolution was offered by a minority of the committee, which differed from the majority resolutions in giving the states no option but providing that in all states the people should vote directly for United States senators.

Washington, April 12—The navy department has practically decided to put out of commission in the harbor of Manila, the monitors Monterey and Monadnock, releasing the crews for service on the other vessels where they are badly needed.

SHOCK WILL CAUSE DEATH

Chicago Telephone Operator Is Dying As a Result of Shock.

Chicago, April 12—Prostrated by an electric shock, received while at her desk in the offices of the Chicago Telephone Co., two weeks ago, Maud Turnbull, a young telephone operator, now lies at the point of death.

Physicians have been unable to relieve the continuous twitching of the frail girl's muscles, while the derangement of the nervous system has caused violent heart convulsions. These result in sinking spells, when the pulse ceases to beat until injections of strychnine are administered.

This is the first time in the history of the telephone service in Chicago that a switchboard employe has been seriously injured. Miss Turnbull was in charge of the board where connections are made between the various offices of the company. She had made a connection at the request of one of the officials. Holding the plug in her left hand and the receiver in her right her fingers chanced to close over the metal attachment, which sent the current through her body. As the effects of the shock did not wear away, her fellow operators asked that she be relieved. Three physicians have been doing everything in their power to save the girl's life, but she grows weaker each day.

Miss Turnbull is 18. At 15 she won a free scholarship in the Chicago musical college.

GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen Tendered the Post.

Washington, April 12—Chas. H. Allen, assistant secretary of the navy, will be the first governor of Porto Rico under the provisions of the bill passed yesterday. Toward the close of the afternoon Allen was summoned to the white house by the president, and a formal tender of the post was made. Allen returned a practical acceptance. It was decided it would not be practicable to complete the cabinet of the governor in the two weeks intervening before the civil government will go into operation. Therefore Allen will be alone to San Juan at the earliest possible moment after Secretary Long's return to Washington, which should be Saturday next.

American League Schedule.

Chicago, April 12.—The magnates of the American baseball league held an important meeting today at which a playing schedule prepared by President Johnson came up for adoption. The peace agreement between the American and national league was also considered. The season, it is understood, will open here April 19 with a series between Milwaukee and Comiskey's white stockings.

Fourth of July dates are as follows:

Buffalo at Detroit; Milwaukee at Kansas City; Chicago at Cleveland; Minneapolis at Indianapolis.

Deaths of the Day.

Quincy, April 12—Major Martin M. Burke, regular army, died in St. Mary's hospital today of pneumonia, aged 65. He enlisted from Texas and served through the civil war gallantly. He lost his left arm and was many times wounded. He had charge of the national cemeteries at Salisbury, Mound City, Jefferson Barracks, Little Rock and Quincy.

Laporte, Ind., April 12.—Former Mayor Ithamer D. Phelps is dead, aged 78. He served with distinction throughout the civil war.

No Change In Date.

Kansas City, April 12—There will be no change in the date or place of holding the democratic national convention, previously set for Kansas City, July 4. The subcommittee of the national democratic committee met the local committees on arrangement here today, and after going over the situation thoroughly, reported to the full committee that they were satisfied the new hall would be ready for use on the date set for the convention.

Confirmations.

Washington, April 12—The senate confirmed appointments as follows: To be associate justice of the supreme court of Oklahoma, John J. McAtee.

Postmasters: Illinois—J. R. Snook, Altamont; E. S. Smith, Clayton; F. M. Cauger, Granite.

Michigan—Wm. J. Ingersoll, Mayville. Iowa F. L. Wellman, Monona; V. Nelson, Gowrie.

Troops in Philippines.

Washington, April 12.—Adjutant General Corbin has prepared a statement showing the strength of the troops in the Philippines on the first of April, the date of the last returns. The statement shows there are 31,382 regulars, of which number 968 are officers, and 32,203 volunteers, of which number 1356 are officers.

In Closed Carriage.

Dublin, April 12—The queen drove out late this afternoon in a closed landau, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenburg. The route extended through Castle Knock village, returning by way of Phoenix Gage at 5:40.

War Ships at Bermuda.

Island of Bermuda, April 12—The United States battleship Texas, the cruiser New York and the gun boat Machias arrived at Bermuda today, after saluting they anchored in Grassy Bay.

Signs the Bill.

Washington, April 12.—The president at 7 o'clock this evening signed the Porto Rican tariff and civil government bill.

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ALLEN WILL NOT HEAR IT

Bloomington People Will Vote On the Adoption of the Primary Election Law Tuesday.

GOV. TANNER IS BETTER BUT WEAK

Springfield, April 10.—Judge Allen heard the Douglas county tax case in the federal court yesterday, the case being that of Phineas W. Hudson against H. H. Fry et al, township collector of Douglas county. This case has been before Judge Kohlsaat, of Chicago, and involves mortgages of $125,000. The Douglas county tax officials have endeavored to levy a tax on these mortgages, but Hudson alleges that his home is in New York and that he pays his taxes there. Judge Kohlsaat granted a temporary injunction restraining the tax collector from taking further action and suit was brought in the federal court to make this temporary injunction perpetual or permanent. Judge Allen yesterday denied the motion of the plaintiff for perpetual injunction, and in explanation stated that the federal court did not have jurisdiction in the case; that the matter should be submitted to the state courts.

MURDER AT MT. VERNON.

Three Men Under Arrest for Killing of Geo. W. Roberts.

Mount Vernon, Ill., April 10.—Hardy Hughey, Tom Clark and Luther Burchall, charged jointly with the murder of George W. Roberts near this city Friday night, were arraigned in 'Squire S. T. Crozier's court this morning. They waived a preliminary examination and were committed to jail without bail. Developments are coming to light which put an uglier aspect on the case. Persons in a position to know say that the wound in Roberts' mouth was made by a bullet from a revolver and not by a charge from a shotgun, as at first supposed. Acting on this information, Deputy Coroner Satterfield, Sheriff Manion and Doctor Earl Green went to Moore's Prairie this afternoon to exhume the body of Roberts for the purpose of holding an autopsy on the remains.

PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

Voters in Bloomington To Express Themselves Next Tuesday.

Bloomington, April 10.—The new primary law which was out at the township election will be submitted to the voters of the city on the 17th. The petitions bearing 2700 names have been filed with the city clerk and he will prepare the ballots. As has been stated, more than one-half of the legal voters who voted at the last election must sign petitions to secure the presentation of the question before the people and those who have been circulating the papers report no opposition and more than the required number of names. The election will be held one week from today and City Clerk Hassler is now engaged in preparing the copy for the printer.

IN GOOD HEALTH.

Governor Tanner Will Return to His Desk Greatly Improved.

Springfield, April 10.—Governor Tanner returns from the south looking robust in health despite the stories to the contrary. His skin is clear and his eye bright and the only evidence of his long illness is his weakness. He says that his outing has done him a great deal of good and that he expects to resume his duties at the executive office at once. Concerning the political situation in the state he says that he is at sea, having given the matter no attention during his absence. The governor expressed the opinion that the Cullom forces had been making the most of his absence from the state and he added that he would also have improved a similar opportunity had it been offered to him.

Robbed a Farmer.

Salem, Ill., April 10.—The residence of William Bryant, a farmer, living south of town, was entered by burglars Sunday night and $11 in bills was stolen. Bryant claims he recognized the burglars as being John and William Coffee, brothers, who live in the city, and they were arrested.

Owns the Plant.

Springfield, April 10.—The lighting department of the Capital City Lighting company has been transferred to the city. Under the terms of the transfer of the property the company will operate the plant for a period of two years for the city.

Another Suspicious Case.

Springfield, April 10.—A man named Smith has been discovered at 538 Elliot avenue with his body covered with scabs and blisters and the supposition is that he is suffering with smallpox.

Congressman Crowley Ill.

Robinson, April 10.—Word has been received here of the serious illness of Congressman Crowley, who represents this, the 19th district. He is afflicted with pneumonia and his condition is critical.

Killed in a Runaway.

Murphysboro, Ill., April 10.—James Crow, a prominent farmer of Vergennes, eight miles north of here, was thrown from his wagon today and instantly killed.

[Met]hodists at Lincoln.

[Lincoln,] Ill., April 10.—The annual convention of the Bloomington District Ministerial Association of the Methodist Episcopal church is in session here.

Deaths in Illinois.

Murphysboro, April 10.—Daniel G. Will, was stricken with apoplexy while in the county clerk's office and died.

Bloomington—Hugh Wallace, aged 92, died Monday. Charles Hutchkess, a farmer, near Cooksville is dead. Christian John Schell died at Normal.

Hillsboro—Joseph H. Poland, a hotel keeper, is dead.

Hutsonville—J. M. McNutt, a business man, died of Bright's disease.

Staunton—John Dowzer, an old business man, is dead.

Benton—Mrs. John S. Burgess, a distant relative of Grover Cleveland, is dead at the age of 78 years.

Springfield, April 10.—William Nresen, aged 51, Tina Mueller, aged 21, and Nathan F. Purvines, aged 71 years, are dead.

Old Glory's Remarks to Dewey

Oh George,
Dear George,
What the dickens and Tomwalker
Do you mean by knocking out your underpinning
In the confidence, esteem and affection
Of the American people
Like this?
Don't you know a good thing
When you see it?
Goldarn, it man,
I thought that You and Me
And the Eagle Bird
And the Fourth of July
And G. Washington
Had organized a combine,
With headquarters in the Temple of Fame,
That was as everlasting as the adamantine hills
And the Palladium of the Nation's liberties.
Indeed I did, George,
And when you came back, a Conquering Hero,
I floated over you and your utterances
With a swelling pride,
Second only to that I felt
When I shook out my folds over the wrecks
Of Castile and Aragon in Manila Bay.
But now:—
Oh, George!
By George, when I read that interview of yours
I dropped to half mast
With a dull thud.
You've got down to the common level, have you?
And you've stuck a yearn for votes
Out into the seething current of
Political ambition?
For votes!
Votes, George,
Common, ordinary votes
That candidates go down on their hunkers for
To him that hath,
Yet may withhold,
Angels and ministers of grace, defend us!
Are you arrived at such a pass!
Ain't Me and the Fourth
And G. W. and the Bird of Freedom
Good enough for you?
Isn't a whole Nation's gratitude sufficient,
Without humiliating yourself
To stand as the figurehead
Of half of it?
What is a figurehead anyhow, George?
Do you steer a ship by it?
Or hustle her o'er the waves,
Or fight a battle
Or make a new map
With it?
George, George,
The more I think of you
Letting a nasty little insect
Like a Presidential bee
Buzz you out of the glorious combine
In which you were an ornament
Of more than Oriental splendor,
The more am I inclined to hope
Earnestly and I pray devoutly
That you will get it in the neck
In a way that will make you wish
You had filled a sailor's grave
Among the sun-kissed hills
Of listless, lazy, luxurious Luzon.
George, George,
You make the Temple of Fame
Feel like sticking up a "To Let" notice
Over your niche;
You make your illustrious namesake
Turn over in his sarcophagus;
You make the Eagle
Drop his wings and refuse to soar
In the useless flight for
Stuff to make a hero of;
You make the glorious Fourth of July
Feel like a thirty-second,
And you make Me
Tired.
Indeed, you do, George.

W. J. L. in New York Sun.

Deeds Recorded.

The Morehouse & Wells Co. to Joseph Mills lot 6 in block 13 in North addition to Decatur; $1241.41.

James L. Stanford to Clinton Bromley a tract in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of 11, 15, 1 east; $1500.

Eddy Clifton to Joseph H. Burhans lot 15 in block 4 Saloma Place; $80

William S. Turpin to Mary C. Hooks Lot "C" in the northwest quarter of 2, 15, 3 east, containing 18.03 acres; $631.05.

Mary Bell Evans to Isaiah Weldon the west half of the northeast quarter of 15, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 10, also a tract 15 chains, 12 links, by 20 chains and 10 links in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of 10, 14, 3 east; $1500.

The Great Boer.

A patient and anxious public is at last to regaled with a lecture by Prof. M. C. Vanliall, the great Boer orator, who recently thrilled his auditor and cut a swath several townships wide in the north part of the state. Small hand bills with big promises of the treat in store for Decatur people have been scattered about the city announcing that Prof. Vanliall will make his appearance at the opera house on the evening of the 20th.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a good many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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AT POINT OF GUNS

B. E. Burgess Held Up In His Store At Hanson, Near Pana.

HOUNDS FOLLOW A TRAIL

And Succeed In Locating a Part of The Property Stolen From The Store.

PENITENTIARY BIRD SUSPECTED

Charles Braden and Clark Buchanan with the Bendure bloodhounds returned home Tuesday evening from Hanson, a little station near Pana, to which place they were called on Monday night to track men who had held up the proprietor of a store. The dogs did a good bit of work, following a trail to a point where part of the stolen property had been concealed.

The store robbed was that of B. E. Burgess and was a most daring piece of business. Two men entered the store at 8 o'clock and without ceremony ordered the proprietor to throw up his hands. The men were masked and Mr. Burgess did not have to ask any questions as to their intentions. When Mr. Burgess was asked to elevate his hands four revolvers were levelled at his head and there was nothing left for him to do but to comply with the request. The robbers seized him and bound him to the leg of a desk and kept careful watch on him while they ransacked the store. They first robbed the money drawer, securing some $10 in money. After stealing a Winchester repeating shot gun, a double barreled shot gun and a silver watch they made their escape, leaving the owner of the store still tied to the desk. He managed to get loose after a time and gave the alarm, but the robbers had the benefit of several minutes' time and they had made good use of it.

The hounds did not reach the town until 4 o'clock Tuesday morning and were at once given a scent from the money drawer. They followed a trail for a mile and a half and then stopped at a place where the robbers had hid the guns in a hedge, and this much of the property was recovered. The owner of the store and the people of the village are now pretty well satisfied as to who committed the robbery. Three men were engaged in the affair. Mr. Burgess was not able to see their faces but during the time that he was tied to the desk and they were at work in the store he had leisure to study their clothing and their general appearance. In doing this he has a good clue to work on. Of the three men who participated in the robbery one is believed to be a convict recently released from the penitentiary. The direction taken by the hounds and the point to which they followed the trail seems to sustain this theory. It is expected that several arrests will be made in a few days. The residents of Hanson are well satisfied that they can put their hands on the guilty parties at any time that it is desired to do so.

NEARBY TOWNS.

LOVINGTON.

Charles Lindsay and Miss Daisy Logan of Sullivan were callers in this city Friday.

G. A. Pollard and family of Mowequa visited L. B. Pollard and family over Sunday.

James and Daisy Wright of Sullivan called on friends here Sunday.

Ola Foster of Sullivan spent Sunday with friends and relatives in this city.

Nat Williams, who is employed in Oanwood's hardware store in Sullivan was a guest of home folks Sunday.

Will Gladville and Master Harry Pifer visited friends in Sullivan Sunday.

Lawrence Beall and Attorney Laux called on two of the fair sex somewhere between Bethany and Dalton Sunday.

Col. Clore died at the home of his son, Jack Clore in Missouri. Mr. Clore had reached the advanced age of 83 years and his death was probably due to old age. He was a member of the Christian church and was a highly respected citizen of this place. The remains were brought here Tuesday. He leaves two sons, Jack Clore of Missouri and James Clore of this city and two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Adkins and Jacob Jones to mourn his loss.

Dr. W. K. Hoover left for Chicago Sunday where he will attend a three weeks' course of lectures on surgery at that place.

Arthur N. Dawson and family of Decatur drove over Saturday and spent Sunday with relatives and friends.

Miss Stella Davis of Decatur is the guest of Miss Marie McNickle this week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brightman Friday, April, a son.

Will Porter and sister, Miss Alla of Arcola spent Sunday with relatives here.

Capt. McKnight and John Hamilton were county seat visitors Friday.

Nate Williams and wife are moving their household goods to Sullivan today (Tuesday) where they will reside.

Williard Hoggard and family have moved in one of Mrs. Betty Foster's houses on South County street.

The stockholders of Moultrie County Telephone Co. held a business meeting in hardware bank here Monday. A sufficient sum was subscribed to put the line in fine working order. Those present outside of [Lovington] were Dr. Hilligoss and J. K. Uppendahl of Dalton City, Marion Watson and J. E. Baker of Arthur, Geo. Spitler of Mt. Zion and S. D. Stocks, R. M. Peadro and V. Spitler of Sullivan.

Mrs. A. Kinzel and daughter, Miss Edna, were Sullivan shoppers Monday.

W. S. Shirey is badly crippled in his right ankle, a horse having crushed the bone and it is a very serious case. April 10

NIANTIC.

The stereopticon lecture given by Mr. Caldwell of Springfield at the M. E. church Monday evening, was instructive and interesting. The entertainment was under the auspices of "the Anti-Saloon League." Owing to the demands on his time Dr. Barclay could not be present. The Rev. Parker of the Christian church, introduced Mr. Cadwell. A good audience was present.

Dr. A. C. Foster of Blue Mound visited J. M. Hawks' family Monday.

There are a number of removals this week. Lois Claypool removes from the O'Grady property to the Whiteside's residence and Mr. Jollars removes to the house vacated by Claypool, Mr. Monical having purchased the property occupied by Zollars. Frank Martin removes to the house vacated by Monical. George Jacobsen removed his residence to his new lots and will soon begin work on his new house.

Mrs. Price has been in Decatur during the past week attending her daughter, Mrs. John Henebry, Jr., who is ill.

Rev. Parker conducted the funeral obsequies of Mrs. Hagler, at the U. B. church Sunday afternoon. The interment was at Long Point. Mrs. Hagler was an aged lady who had recently come here from Kentucky. Quite a number from Niantic attended the funeral.

There will be a Sunday school rally at the M. E. church on Sunday, April 8. Everybody invited. April 10

STONINGTON.

John Deshelmer left for New York City Saturday night where he will make his future home.

H. A. Plock was down from Blue Mound Saturday.

Earle Hurlbutt was a Moweaqua visitor Friday.

Mrs Julia Aufriech and Bertha DeWolfe were Taylorville visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Bauer of Champaign is visiting her husband and friends here this week.

T. E. Gragg was a Taylorville visitor Monday.

F. Ryan, Miles Bellamy and W. H. Walley were business visitors to Taylorville Monday.

Wm. Flynn was in Palmer Monday.

D. E. Swim and P. Evans were in Taylorville Monday.

Rev. C. T. Chapman died at his home near Old Stonington Sunday. Mr. Chapman was a highly respected citizen, having come to this country from Connecticut many years ago, being one of the first settlers in this part of Illinois.

Mrs. O. J. Owen returned from Decatur Tuesday where she had been to attend the funeral of O. F. Wickens.

Prof. H. M. Owen and daughter of Decatur spent Saturday the guest of Mr. Owen's parents, O. J. Owen and wife.

April 10.

MAROA.

Mrs. Rebecca Schenck returned to Maroa Friday afternoon from an extended visit in Ohio.

Jas. Lichtenberger attended the republican convention in Taylorville Saturday. Mr. Lichtenberger went as a delegate from Maroa.

Miss Florence Swan has the mumps.

Mrs. O. M. Coen spent Sunday with her husband, Dr. Coen in Maroa.

Easter exercises will be observed by the Sunday school at the Methodist church next Sunday.

Attorney B. F. Shipley has had his office renovated having had it rapered, painted and put down a new carpet.

Frank Cooper of Decatur spent Sunday in Maroa.

Ed Welch, Jr. of Sac City Iowa, is visiting friends in Maroa and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Street took charge of the Schenck house Tuesday.

Mrs. Garrett Schenck is quite sick.

The Kickapoo Medicine Co. closed their two week's engagement at the opera house Monday night.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning the preaching service was given way to the Honor Day service connected with the Loyal Army Sunday school work. The Sunday school orchestra rendered some especially fine music. It was a appropriate service.

The Maroa schools close this year June 4. April 10.

FORSYTH.

Mrs. Mabel Thrift and daughter Bertle of Emery visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

The I. O. O. T. gave a public installation and supper at their hall Saturday evening which was well attended and all report a good supper and pleasant time.

Sheriff Lehman and wife of Decatur visited the family of J. B. Good Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Bratton of Upper Ridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Berry Sunday.

Mrs. Cooper returned home Saturday from the southern part of the state where she was called by the serious illness of her son Jim. He died while she was there, consumption was the cause of his death.

D. L. Parkhurst will close his school at Independence Wednesday. There will be a box social and entertainment at the Good Templars hall Saturday evening, April 4.

CLINTON.

An effort is being made to induce the city council to decide on renaming the streets.

Miss Clara Stewart and Jas. A. Barnett were married Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parent, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, Rev. E. A. Gilliland officiating.

Quo Vadis played to a fair house here Thursday night.

Work has commenced on the new gas plant.

The high school elected officers for the athletic exercises which are to be held here on May 5.

A case of smallpox is reported at Waynesville.

J. F. Butz is getting ready to pave our streets.

Fred Goodwin has opened up a steam dye works and tailor shop at 255 E. Washington street.

Austin Fosnaugh built a fire with oil last week and stooped to take the ashes out of the stove, when the blaze flashed out, and burned his face badly.

The Lady Maccabees held a social in the Way & Zorger hall Wednesday night. They raffled off a sofa pillow which was won by Mrs. J. A. Rymer, who held number 25. She being one of the members of the lodge, and thinking some would suspect the raffle to be unfair, it was put up again and number 50 was the winner. Miss Laura Cross sang two vocal solos, and Mrs. Shell rendered some instrumental music. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed the evening.

PIERSON.

Newt. Carol transacted business in Lintner Monday.

Miss Nora Richey visited friends here Friday.

Mrs. E. S. Kesner was the guest of Mrs. W. F. Goodwin of Decatur last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Chambers and children visited W. F. Goodwin and did shopping in Decatur Friday and Saturday.

B. F. Kagey and wife of Monticello drove down Sunday and were guests of the latter's parents, J. R. Shelton and wife.

P. L. Fuson and family visited Mrs. Fuson's parents, Mr. Davis and family at Cadwell Saturday and Sunday.

Ray Chambers is down sick with the measles.

Walter Easton of Atwood was in town Saturday looking after his music class.

F. F. Gunn transacted business in Indianapolis over Sunday.

J. F. Rigney was in Atwood Monday.

S. B. Withers and daughter, Hattie, were in Atwood Saturday afternoon.

Miss Lilian Withers began a spring term of school near Windsor City Monday.

April 9.

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SMALLWOOD WAS AT LEAST QUEE[R]

The principal witness for the com... ...ent on Tuesday was Edward Thomas... ...ed man, who had worked for Small... ...The witness said that he well re... ...how Smallwood suffered with... ...y and bladder trouble and describe... ...for the enlightenment of the jury... ...of the incidents in connection with... ...illness.

Smallwood one time told him to sh... ...dog which was making such a noise... ...stairs. There was no dog in the... ...at the time. The witness was ... ...office of Lawyer Cussins to summo... ...to the home of Smallwood. Cussins... ...in his office and Smallwood wa... ...and the witness was sent again... When Cussins came he and Smallwood talked a long time but what about the wi... ...said he did not know. He though... ...wood was crazy and gave as one re... ...that he would be told to do one thin... ...the next moment Smallwood woul... ...that the order had been given... ...wood insisted on parading about the... ...in his night clothes with the roo... ...ly lighted and the blinds ope... Often he would sit, clad only in his nigh... ...his feet in the open windo... ...which opened directly on the sidewal... The witness assisted in handling one... Smallwood's race h...es and finally t... ...got so bad and gave such contradi... ...orders that when he came to the... ...and raised a rumpus the witne... ...would pay no attention to him because... ...was under the impression that he was n... ...responsible. The witness said that Sma... ...wood was jealous of a woman who was... ...house and when she went out riding... ...Thomas was hired to watch her an... ...that she did not go with some oth... ...This continued until the woma... ...atened to shoot the head off of Thoma... ...he resigned the job. One time when... ...parade passed the house Smallwo... ...ill but he was enraged because th... ...tators stopped on his sidewalk to wat... ...procession and force to deter him w... ...necessary else he had gone out and tri... ...stop the parade and drive away th... ...spectators. At that time Smallwood w... ...only in his night clothes. The witne... ...told that when Smallwood was ... ...he would meet people and talk... ...and afterward ask what the fello... ...said. When the drift of the convers... ...would be related to him he would ... ...were liars, that he had never sa... anything of that kind.

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Dr. W. J. Chenoweth was perhaps... ...important witness of the day but... ...was not on the stand so long as Thom... The physician was there as an expert... ...the functions of the kidney... ...bladder and detailed what was likel... ...happen when those organs no longer p... ...performed their functions. One... ...the results was uraemic poisoning of... ...blood. That poisoning affected the b... ...and then the patient was likely to be... ...condition which unfitted him for b... ...One of the indications of this... ...having affected the brain was tha... ...patient would become indifferent to... ...moral obligations to the community... ...apparently lose his sense of shame.

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Ike Reed, a colored boy who worke... Smallwood, told how one night Smal... ...come out to the barn, wearing on... ...night clothes. A woman from the... ...had gone out to drive and Smal... ...made an agreement to give Reed $10... ...would club the man who came bac... ...her. Reed got a single-tree and w... After 1 o'clock the woman drove ... ...when Reed got ready to use the s... ...tree he discovered that her companio... ...a colored man and a friend of the ... ...so he did not use the club. A color... ...named Gilbert, who was there that... ...corroborated the story of the singl... ...Reed related that one night h... ...Thomas heard Smallwood making... ...noise in the kitchen. Th... ...was nearly midnight. They finally w... ...investigate and found Smallwood... ...night clothes hammering on the flo... ...a broom. They asked him what w... ...matter and he said he was killin... ...roaches but they could not see an... ...of the bugs.

Charles Morgan, the clothing me... ...said that he had sold a suit of clo... Ed Thomas and that Smallwood c... ...to look at them. He put his hand... ...goods and, with an oath, said th... ...was not fit for a horse blanket an... ...so like a mad man that Morgan too... ...of him and ordered him from th... Ed Thomas corroborated that st... ...said that when he and Smallwood l... ...store and went out on the stree... ...wood cursed so frightfully that ... ...him to desist because women co... ...him and Smallwood said he didn... ...rap about the women.

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... P. Johnson, Willis Johnson and Ed ... all told of some business dealings ... had with J. P. Smallwood and all ... thought he was irresponsible.

Alexander Shultz, a carpenter who worked on the Smallwood barn, said that from the way that Smallwood interfered in the work there he must have been crazy.

There were other witnesses, all of whom had noticed peculiarities which caused them to believe that Smallwood was off.

CHANCERY.

Devil E. Brooks vs. William F. Neisler et al; foreclosure. Orders of this term set aside and re-referred for further proof.

Mary E. Tully et al vs. Charles H. Patterson, administrator, et al; partition. Leave to O. B. Gorin individually to file intervening petition.

SOME BUILDING.

New Block to Be Erected On Water Street —Residences Going Up.

The real estate dealers are beginning to furnish up and prepare for spring business. The winter season is always a dull one in this business and the past winter has been unusually so according to the general reports. The prospects are brightening now and the dealers believe that the business this spring will be quite a great deal ahead of last.

A number of new houses are going up over the city and still a number of others will be commenced in the next few weeks. So far very few changes are planned in the business part of the city.

The block owned by Miehl and Harpstrite, on North Water street, just north of the Millikin bank, will be torn down and a new building two or three stories high will be erected in its place. The room now occupied by Mr. Miehl will not be touched but the two rooms south of that, the one occupied by Justice Provost, McHenry the watch maker and Constable Connard, and the one occupied by the saloon adjoining it on the south will be torn out within a few weeks. Mr. Miehl hopes to go to work on the new building by the first of June.

Among those who are building and have just finished houses are: Dan O'Brien, house on North Edward street, two blocks above Pugh. Mrs. Bethel, a six-room house in the 900 block on North College street; Mrs. Hall, of Harristown, large house on North Main street in the 1200 block; Guy Lewis, who is building a neat and modern cottage on Marietta street between Union and Edward; Miss Longenecker, who has just finished a home on North Church street; and Schlie & Oehler, the south Water street grocers, who are building residences on West Wood street. Mr. Oehler's is in the 600 block and Mr. Schlie's in the 900 block. Both are roomy and modern.

Quite a number of others will build later in the season and and the architect are now busy with the plans for their residences.

BANK SUSPENDS.

Rumors Affecting Reinhard & Co. Caused An Assignment.

Columbus, O., April 10.—The bank of Reinhard & Co., founded in 1868, suspended business today. John G. and Henry A. Reinhard filed deeds of assignment to Thomas Abernathy, who qualified by giving bonds aggregating $325,000.

John G. Reinhard, the cashier, later made a statement in which he said: "The suspension was caused by persistent rumors which have been afloat for weeks reflecting on the financial condition of the bank and its owners. Deposits have dwindled from $350,000 to $98,000. There are scarcely any new deposits. Inability to raise funds precipitated the suspension of the bank and the assignments. The depositors will be paid dollar for dollar. The assets are at least $200,000 in excess of the liabilities. The assets of the bank are given as $182,000; liabilities $110,000. Individual assets of John Reinhard, $82,520; liabilities, $10,000. Assets of Henry Reinhard, $101,500; liabilities, $15,000.

THE DEATH RECORD

CATHERINE HOOVER.

Mrs. Catherine Hoover died of cardiac asthma on Tuesday, April 10, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie E. Stare, corner of King and North Main streets. She had been ill for about 15 months. The maiden name of the deceased was Catherine Will, and she was born near Harrisburg, Pa., January 29, 1841, removing with her parents when 8 years old, to Ashland county, Ohio. She was married there on July 8, 1819, to John Hoover, and to them six children were born. B. F. Hoover, a son, died in McPherson county, Kansas, in 1883, and the following children survive: Mrs. Mary Smith of Canton, Kan.; W. D. Hoover, Taylorville, Ill.; Mrs. Sarah Young, Canton, Kansas; Mrs. Harriet E. Stare, Decatur, and Mrs. Marie Lightner of Wichita, Kan.

Mr. Hoover died in 1861 and in 1876 Mrs. Hoover moved with her family to Kansas, in which state she made her home until ten years ago. She had been a lifelong member of the Baptist church and while she had not united with a church here she had always taken a deep interest in religious matters.

In addition to her children Mrs. Hoover is survived by a brother, John Will, of Muscatine, Ia., and two sisters, Mrs. Susan Knight, of Harristown, and Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver, of Oklahoma.

Joliet's Strike Settled.

Joliet, April 10.—The strike of the bricklayers and stone masons is settled. They are: Eight-hour day; 50c and 45c an hour respectively. This is the first break in the building trades' strike. Other concessions are now looked for.

The First Death Penalty.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 10.—News has been received from Nicaragua that James Daly was hanged last Thursday for murdering a native. This is the first occasion of the death penalty being enforced in Nicaragua for murder.

TRY GRAIN-O! TRY AGAIN-!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c and 25cts per package. Sold by all grocers.

INQUEST ADJOURNED

Coroner's Jury Wants to Hear From The Two Men in the Buggy.

The coroner's jury inquiring into the death of George F. Wickens has adjourned until Tuesday, April 17. The adjournment was made Tuesday after three witnesses had been examined. None of the testimony revealed anything new in addition to what has already been heard.

Dr. J. G. Ellis and Dr. B. F. Slusher, who were the first physicians to reach the side of the injured man, told of the nature of the injuries sustained by Wickens. They told that his death was due to a fracture of the skull but they did not see the collision between the man and the street car and could not throw any light on the points in which the jury was most interested.

I. N. Webb, of Niantic, was in Lee Hall's store when the accident occurred. He ran to Wickens and assisted in picking up the body and carrying it into Hall's store. He was of the opinion that it was between 70 and 80 feet from the place where the car struck Wickens to the place where the car was finally stopped.

Motorman Jump and W. H. Rickards in their testimony both told of two men riding in an open buggy and that it was to avoid a collision with that buggy when the horse stopped and began backing that Wickens suddenly turned and ran in front of the street car.

No one knows who these men were, but the jury has decided that they want their testimony. For that reason an adjournment was taken until Tuesday of next week and in the meantime an effort will be made to discover the identity of the men and call them to appear before the jury.

NATURAL CAUSES.

Roy Bandura held an inquest Tuesday forenoon inquiring into the death of Elizabeth, the infant daughter of George Urban. The mother said that the little one had always been sickly. At 6 o'clock Monday morning the little one seemed to be about as well as usual but two hours later when she went to nurse the child it was dead. The mother and the father were the only witnesses examined. The jury returned a verdict that the child died from natural causes.

KILLED A SICK MAN.

Did It To Put the Unfortunate Out of His Misery.

Frankfort, Ky., April 10.—Bud Lecompte, a young farmer, walked into the home of his brother-in-law, Hiram Stafford, this afternoon, and fired three bullets into Stafford, who had been sick in bed for the past month, killing him instantly. Lecompte, who is believed to be crazy, was arrested. He said that Stafford was hopelessly ill and he killed him only on that account.

To Maroa.

R. O. Augustine will go to Maroa on Sunday to meet with the teachers of the M. E. Sunday school and talk over Sunday school work. He will also present the Royal Army Sunday school diplomas to the first and second year graduates. The exercises will take the place of the regular Sunday evening service.

Married at Chicago.

Friends in Decatur have received notice of the marriage of Fred N. Bressler and Miss Rozella LeMar in Chicago on March 1. The bride is a graduate of the class of 1896 in the Decatur high school. They have gone to housekeeping at 4541 Wabash avenue.

Will Probated.

The will of the late William A. Boyd was admitted to probate by Judge Hammer Tuesday. The estate is valued at $1200 and the widow is the sole beneficiary and is also named as executor.

Administratrix Appointed.

In the county court Tuesday Judge Hammer appointed Lucena Lucas administratrix of the estate of her mother, the late Edith Hohenshell.

Many a self made man might be happier if he could blame the job on somebody else.

A woman's idea of a congenial husband is one who lets her have her own way in everything.

To cure stomach troubles take Hunt's dyspepsia tablets before you eat. For sale by W. P. Neisler drug and supply company and King's drug store.

There are many kinds of foolishness, but the meanest kind is selfishness.

LIVERITA, the up-to-date Little Liver Pill 5c boxes contain 15 pills. 10c boxes contain 40 pills 25c boxes contain 100 pills. Sold by John E. King and A. J. Blaine, Decatur, Ill.

It's all well enough to believe in fate providing you act as if you didn't.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and a bottle of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP used in time is worth a staff of physicians with a drug store or two included. Price, 25 and 50 cents. John King's and Swearingen's drug stores.

It is always a trying moment for a woman when her dress comes home from the modiste.

Perfect digestion is the only foundation for perfect health. The food we eat makes all the blood we have, which in turn feeds every nerve, muscle and tissue in the body. HERBINE quickens the appetite, aids digestion, gives tone and vigor to all the functions and ensures good health. Price 25 cents. John King's and Swearingen's drug stores.

When a man tells a woman a joke he usually has to follow it up with an explanation.

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Last week of Lent.

H. Clark, Clanncey, Ga., says DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured him of piles that had afflicted him for twenty years. It is also a speedy cure for skin disease. Beware of dangerous counterfeits. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

Nebraska hens are arranging to lay Easter eggs this week with W. J. B. on the shell in red, white and blue.

CASTORIA.
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Shoughnessee, 90 years old and chief of the Pottawatomies in Missouri, died of consumption yesterday.

"I think DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills in the world," says W. E. Luke, Happy Creek, Va. They remove all obstructions of the liver and bowels, act quickly and never gripe. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

The G. A. R. wants a court of appeals to pass upon applications for pensions.

Otts Korb, Grand Chancellor, K. P., Boonville, Ind., says: "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve soothes the most delicate skin and heals the most stubborn ulcer with certain and good results." Cures piles and skin diseases. Don't buy an imitation. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

It is reported that a new ruling on the tariff law makes artificial teeth at 30 cents a set a possibility. Still, it may be false.

CASTORIA.
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Hon. Webster Davis is making the largest amount of noise possible on the theory that he'll be a long time dead.

No family can afford to be without One Minute Cough Cure. It will stop a cough and cure a cold quicker than any other medicine," writes C. W. Williams, Sterling Run, Pa. It cures croup, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles and prevents consumption. Pleasant and harmless. J. E. King, W. H. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

A Kansas man threatened in an advertisement to arrest the thief that stole his bicycle and next morning 14 wheels were left at his door.

CASTORIA.
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Mr. Dreyer says he won't go.

J. L. Carson, Prothonotary Washington, Pa., says: "I have found Kodol Dyspepsia Cure an excellent remedy in case of stomach trouble, and have derived great benefit from its use." It digests what you eat and cannot fail to cure. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

The United States treasury is simply putrid with money.

"I simply can't help running people down," said the elevator man apologetically.

W. H. Shipman, Beardsley, Minn., under oath says he suffered from dyspepsia for twenty-five years. Doctors and dieting gave but little relief. Finally he used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and now eats what he likes and as much as he wants, and he feels like a new man. It digests what you eat. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

Yes, and there are people mean enough to suggest that if he got the nomination he might transfer it.

W. W. Mayhew, Merton, Wis., says "I consider One Minute Cough Cure a most wonderful medicine, quick and safe." It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, grippe, whooping cough, pneumonia and all throat and lung diseases. Its early use prevents consumption. Children always like it and mothers endorse it. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

We take pleasure in nominating Mrs. Dewey for vice president.

Cleanse the liver, purify the blood, invigorate the body by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These famous little pills act promptly. J. E. King, H. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krone.

In short, Rhode Island indorses the octopus and the hell of war.

Nearly every person needs a tonic medicine at this time of year to brace up and invigorate the nervous system, to cleanse the bowels, liver and kidneys, HERBINE is the best and safest remedy to do this, as it will cure constipation, regulate the liver and enrich the blood. Price 50 cents. John King's and Swearingen's drug store

Coffee is like the earth—when it is ground.

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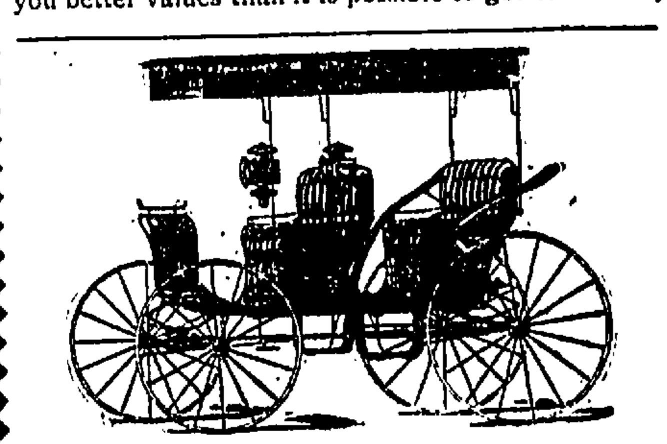

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The Aguinaldoites have not yet succeeded in locating their George Washington and his republic.

The Ohio man has been at the front for many years but now it is the Ohio woman. If any one doubts this ask Dewey.

The political leaders in both parties will be pleased to learn that Carl Schurz is organizing a third party of the independent-what-are-you-worth type.

Already there are evidences that the democratic campaigners have not succeeded in making themselves believe that the candidacy of David Ross is a joke.

It would be interesting to know what Bryan, in these prosperous times thinks of the crown of thorns upon the brow of labor to say nothing of the cross of gold.

So far as heard from Admiral Dewey has frightened no presidential aspirant off the track. Even Debs has not suggested the necessity for injunction proceedings.

Either Towne, Pingree, Sulzer or Lentz would make an appropriate running mate for Bryan. Their think tanks are all similar to Bryan's and draw about the same water.

As Bryan's campaigners tramped out all the grass in most of the public parks in this country in 1896 howling free silver to each other it is fair to presume that unless they invade the same parks this year it can be taken for granted that the Chicago platform has lost some of its magnetism.

The Denver Times is of the opinion that there is no further use for a silver republican party and admits that nearly all the republicans in Colorado who affiliated with that organization have returned to the republican fold and that, therefore, Senator Teller is practically left without a party.

A democratic convention will be unnecessary in this county. A few bosses will select the men who will be sprung at the proper time and advertised by the faithful as sure winners over the republican nominees. Already the candidate for state's attorney has been selected and he is so certain of winning that he wears a royal tiara instead of the common Easter hat.

William D. Bynum, of Indiana, says the gold democrats will not support Bryan this year because his followers will declare for the Chicago platform 16 to 1 and all and suggests that in this campaign, after all their pretentions as to constituency, the Bryanites will no doubt denounce imperialism, notwithstanding Mr. Bryan left his post in the field and went to Washington, and by his personal influence secured enough votes to ratify the treaty with Spain. Why we should have paid $20,000,000 for the Philippines and immediately abandoned them is a matter they can probably explain, but I think it will be difficult to do so. Likewise, they will declare against monopolies and re-elect Senator Jones chairman of the national committee, notwithstanding Jones is a member of one of the greatest monopolies in the country; and, notwithstanding when the bill for the relief of Porto Rico was under consideration he offered an amendment to return the duties collected on imports from that island to the parties who had paid the same, instead of the people of the island. The sugar and tobacco trusts, under Jones' amendment, would have received all of the money—over $2,000,000.

DANGER OF A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE

American Economist: "Never was a bill so misrepresented and misunderstood as our Porto Rico bill," writes Speaker Henderson in a letter addressed to a friend in Iowa concerning the pending measure to provide revenue and a temporary fiscal arrangement for our island possession in the West Indies. The purpose of the letter was that of supplying needed information. How well that intention has been carried out may be judged from the following inclusive paragraphs in Speaker Henderson's letter:

First—There are large quantities of tobacco and sugar in Porto Rico, bought up by trusts and syndicates. They want to get that into the United States free of any duty, and when once in, of course, it will sell in the markets at the same rates as the tobacco and sugar which have to pay the full tariff rates; thus giving hundreds of thousands of dollars' profit to the syndicates, etc.

The trusts and syndicates are fighting the bill, and I have given you the reason why. There has not been nor is there now to my knowledge a lobby here working for the Porto Rican bill, but these syndicates and the codfish interests of New England and other interests, including the flour interests, are all trying to get into Porto Rico without paying the 15 per cent duty on their product, as proposed in the bill. While under the Dingley law a tax of $1, to illustrate, is imposed upon a certain article, under the house bill it would only pay 15 cents.

Second—Now, why have we imposed this 15 per cent of the Dingley tariff? Let me answer this, and fix it in your mind: Porto Rico is poor, and has been swept by devastating and destructive floods. Her people are not at this time and in their present condition able to pay the expenses of their government.

No one wants the United States to pay the expenses of running the governments of any of our several new possessions. The people themselves in each of the islands or groups should pay their own expenses. How is Porto Rico to do this, now that she has no local government? We must first give her local government, and both houses of congress are at work upon that problem, and in my opinion that problem will be wisely solved when it is done.

It will be observed that Speaker Henderson confines himself to pertinent, practical facts, and does not go into any complicated constitutional questions. Facts like these were needed in order to make clear a matter about which many people seem to be curiously muddled. It is to be regretted that the letter did not reach Iowa before the republican legislature of that state committed itself to the singular proposition of absolute and instantaneous free trade between the United States and its outlying possessions. Sympathy for Porto Rico was obviously the worthy motive which prompted the adoption of the Iowa resolutions. A better knowledge of the facts in the case would have shown that it is the "trusts and syndicates," and not the people of Porto Rico, who are the real objects of legislative sympathy in Iowa, and who would be the gainers by the renewal of all tariff duties on articles passing between the Island and the United States. There is no doubt of this. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, sometimes. It has seldom proved to be more mischevious or more dangerous than in the case of the Porto Rican controversy. Seldom has a public question been so misrepresented and so misunderstood.

A LESSON IN ETIQUETTE.

Costs the Demonstrator a Pretty Sum In The Way of a Fine.

Thursday afternoon Hal O. Stevens was before Judge Hammer in the county court and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of assault and battery. The complaint was made by Jim Waller, a negro boy. Stevens had undertaken to give the boy a lesson in etiquette and he did it, too. The boy did not object so much to the lesson as to the way that it had been administered. Wednesday the boy went to the home of Stevens with his express wagon to get some trunks, and when Stevens asked him a question the boy said "yep." Stevens is from the south side of the Mason and Dixon line, where "niggahs" are not permitted to answer that way. He swiped the boy across the mouth and told him to say "yes, sir," when answering a gentleman. Waller took his medicine at that time but Thursday he went into the county court and filed an information against Stevens, charging assault and battery. On his plea of guilty the accused was fined $3 and costs, a total of $13.05.

The April Blizzard.

The weather has made a new record, snow storms and freezing temperature on the 12th day of April when trees are supposed to be putting forth tender young leaves and lambs are gambolling on the green is a novelty in Illinois weather, which is as unreliable and fickle as weather could possibly be. On Wednesday there was a snow storm of two inches, but it did not remain on the ground. Early Thursday morning the temperature was down to 23 degrees, which is considerably below the freezing point. It was plenty cold enough to make ice on small patches of water. Spring is coming, though. The robins, blue birds and other harbingers are sticking to their job. None of them have gone back south.

The Country Schools.

County Superintendent Kellar was at Silautic Thursday on a visit to the schools of that place.

Miss Nannie Beamer has commenced the spring term of school at Milam Center.

The work of marking the final examination papers has not yet been completed by Mr. Kellar. The task is a big one to start on and since the examination the superintendent has lost some time by reason of having had an attack of the grip. It will be several weeks before he completes the work.

Eye Burned.

G. R. Morris, an employe at the Union Iron Works, on Wednesday had an eye severely burned. He was handling some hot sand when a blast of wind blew it into his eye, burning the upper and lower lids and the pupil. He will not be able to resume his work until next week.

A NEW EXCHANGE

Maroa Will Have the Benefit Of a First Class Telephone System.

A PRISONER ENDS HIS LIFE

W. H. Johnson Charged With Forgery—Hangs Himself At Paris.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARMER MISSING

Maroa, April 12. (Special)—The local and long distance telephone exchange being put in by J. Crocker will perhaps be completed next week. Maroa will be far above the average of cities of this size in regard to telephones by every subscriber having advantage of the long distance service. Mr. Crocker is putting in the telephone plant under a sub-license from the Central Union Telephone company. He owns the poles and lines and leases the switchboard, telephones and other necessary equipment from the Central Union. There will be about 40 subscribers to commence with. Part of the 'phones have been connected for the past few weeks. There has been quite a delay on account of waiting on material but everything will be in working order in a very short time. The exchange is to be in the News office and the operator is Mrs. W. R. Biddle. The hours will be from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. and on Sundays two hours in the morning, from 8:15 to 10:45.

CONOVER'S BAND.

Maroa Has a Musical Organization of Which the Town Is Proud.

Maroa, April 12—Special—Conover's military band which was organized in Maroa something over a year ago is getting to be one of the stiffest bands in these parts. It is composed of twenty two members. Prof. C. P. Maxwell of Decatur has placed this band on a sound footing and has made it a creditable musical organization. The band here rents the opera house and have rehearsals two or three times every week. The citizens here take a great interest in the band as they have always been very liberal in their donations ever since its organization. All last summer free open air concerts were given on the street every Thursday evening and this winter the ten cent popular concerts and entertainments have been given in the opera house once a month. Following are the number of different instruments and the names of those who play them. Five clarinets, C. P. Maxwell, leader; Norma Stoutenborough, Louie Sterling, Vernon Braden, Sam Jump; one piccolo player, Prof. L. Crocker; four cornets: Ed Bennett, Clarence Leach, Ben Taylor, John McLean; two tubas George Partelow, Charlie Boster; one baritone, C. H. Stoutenborough three trombones, R. D. Bolen and W. R. Biddle slide players and T. B. Hardin a valve trombone, three altos, Mayor R. E. Persinger, Arthur Bennett, Bert Morgan, one bass drum, A. E. Kempshall; two snare drums, John Ferree, Leo Kempshall.

RESUMES HIS FIGHT.

Governor Tanner Takes Up His Official Duties and Politics Again.

Springfield, Ill., April 12.—Governor Tanner spent the greater part of the day in the executive office and his private office at the mansion. He saw no less than a dozen men, representatives of as many counties and put in much of his time discussing politics and planning for the fight on Senator Cullom. In addition to this work he took up a mass of official mail which had accumulated during his absence and for three hours he dictated letters to a stenographer.

Although he was fatigued this evening, he declared that he had suffered no ill effects from the labor and said he purposed spending tomorrow in the same way. The governor asserted that he was not alarmed concerning the political situation. On the other hand he was inclined to compliment his lieutenants on their work during his absence.

PRISONERS SUICIDE.

W. H. Johnson Hangs Himself in the Edgar County Jail.

Paris, April 12—W. H. Johnson, imprisoned in the county jail for forgery, cended justice by hanging himself with a bed cord to the lattice work of his cell this afternoon. Johnson was about 20 years of age, and the crime for which he was arrested was that of raising a check given by George Walker for whom he worked a few days in the corn harvest last fall. The check was raised from $3 to $33. After securing the cash he went to Indiana where he was apprehended near Clay City about three weeks ago and brought back here by the sheriff. His parents live near Clay City, Ind.

FARMER MISSING.

John Williams Has Disappeared From Stonington.

Taylorville, April 12—John Williams, of Stonington, has been missing from his home for the past ten days, and so far his friends and relatives have been unable to locate him. Last Friday he was in Edinburg and gave a check on the Stonington bank for $3, and when the check was presented for payment it was found that he had no money there. His wife was in town attempting to locate her husband but was unsuccessful. She has several small children and says she is in destitute circumstances.

LAMP EXPLODES.

And Nearly Causes Death of H. L. Dawson and Wife.

Newman, Ill., April 12.—The explosion of a lamp in the home of H. L. Dawson, in this city, about 10 o'clock last night, came near costing Mrs. Dawson her life, besides severely burning Mr. Dawson. As she picked up the lamp it exploded and threw the burning oil over her clothing, which took fire. Mrs. Dawson ran to the kitchen, grabbed up pail of water and extinguished the flames. In the fire which followed the explosion Mr. Dawson's clothing also ignited. His hands were burned severely, and it is feared amputation may be necessary. Mrs. Dawson is in a very precarious condition.

The Pardon Board.

Springfield, Ill., April 12.—At the session of the state board of pardons today the following cases were taken under advisement: George Garrison, Macoupin county, murder; Jesse Follet, William H. Snyder, Joseph Keenan and A. J. Knapp, Lee county, larceny; Riley Powell, Alexander county, murder; William Harris, Adams county, larceny; Charles A. Lindewall, Knox county, murder; George Callender, Fulton county, manslaughter; Essie Stuart, Cook county, murder; Edward Wells, Vermilion county, burglary and larceny; Edward Lee, Wayne county, larceny; Louis P. Smith, Cook county, embezzlement. The following case was continued; George Bryson, Cook county, larceny.

Deaths In Illinois.

Peoria, April 12.—Philip Zell, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Peoria, died after an illness of four days.

Lebanon, Ill., April 11.—David A. Watts, field editor of Colman's Rural World, St. Louis, died at his home here last night of injuries sustained last Saturday in being kicked by a horse. He was 58 years old.

Seymour—Mrs. J. H. McNeill died at the age of 82 years.

New Bridge Opened.

Moline, April 12—The new $25,000 steel high bridge over Rock River, built by the government to replace the old toll bridge owned by the City of Moline, has been opened to traffic. It will be a free bridge. This ends a long fight dating from the opening of the Hennepin Canal when Maj. Marshall condemned and ordered the city bridge torn down as an obstruction to canal traffic.

Convicted of Robbery.

Pana, April 12—The jury today found Charles and Richard Wilson guilty and sentenced them to the penitentiary. During the strike at Pana last year the Wilsons held up and robbed Robert Sharp and John Fox of Riverton, Ill., farmers, of a large sum of money and other valuables. The crime was committed in this city. The length of their incarceration depends upon their behavior.

Wages Advanced.

Bloomington, Ill., April 12.—The Union Gas and Electric company, of this city, has announced that, beginning May 1, they will advance the wages of their employes 25c per day. Most of the men are now paid $1.75 and $2. The Bloomington City Railway company has advanced the wages of conductors and motormen, and adopted a system of wage increase based upon length of continuous service.

Accident at Alton.

Alton, April 12—Russell Ellmore was probably fatally injured this evening while working at St. Joseph's hospital, by falling from a ladder. He was found lying unconscious on the floor, with his collar bone broken and his skull fractured at the base. The attending surgeons say he may die. Ellmore recently came to Alton from Centralia, and has a wife here.

In Memory of General McNulta

Bloomington, Ill., April 12.—The bar of McLean county circuit held a meeting this morning to pay fitting tribute to the memory of the late Gen. John McNulta, who for 27 years was a lawyer of Bloomington.

Fire and Robbery.

Normal, Ill., April 12.—The residence of George Stephenson burned this morning, loss $2500. Two gold watches and a pocketbook containing $500 were stolen during the excitement.

Farm Hand Killed.

Anna, April 12—Ed Griffith a farm laborer, was struck and instantly killed by an Illinois Central train two miles north of this city while walking on the track. He was intoxicated.

IN THE SWIM.

Wes Owens One of the Early Birds in the New Field.

Wes Owens, one of the members of the Decatur Copper Mining company who has been at Jerome, Arizona, looking after the development of the work on the claims of that company writes to his friends on the fire department that he was one of the new early birds in the new gold fields northeast of Jerome. At a point eight miles northeast of Jerome, as the crow flies, about two weeks ago some prospectors struck pay dirt, which assayed 965 ounces to the ton. As soon as the news was brought to Jerome men started pell mell for the new diggings. They actually shouldered picks and without ceremony started to walk over the hills to the new discovery. Owens says that the work has not proceeded far enough to show if the prospectors struck a pocket or if they cut into a true fissure vein. If the latter is true his claim will be as good a one as it in that section. He has a gang of men at work on his claim.

It is small wonder that the miners went wild at the announcement that quartz assaying nearly 1000 ounces had been struck. The gold is worth at least $17 per ounce. A quarter cord wagon, or what is known as a common farm wagon, will carry a ton or more of quartz and if it assayed that same number of ounces all the way through it would be worth more than $15,000.

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NEW KINKS IN TELEPHONE

Innovations To Be Introduced By Central Union at Bloomington.

When the Central Union overhauls its plant here, as it will do at an early date, the latest ideas and inventions will be adopted, says the Bloomington Pantagraph. In all the new systems there are no batteries in the instruments of the patrons, nor will there be any bells to ring. It will only be necessary to remove the receiver from the hook, and the operator at the central office will attend to the rest. Two new forms of instrument have recently been perfected. One is the "Kitchen" system. It does not take its name from the culinary department, for it may be placed in any department. But it is a one-way instrument. The subscriber using a "Kitchen" telephone has the privilege of calling whomsoever he pleases, but cannot be called himself. It is intended for the convenience of housekeepers who find it convenient to do their shopping by telephone or hold converse over the wire, but do not themselves care to be called up. They have an antipathy to being troubled, and so take advantage of the "Kitchen" 'phone, which talks only one way.

The other new form of lease provides for the measured service. In this service the subscriber pays for a certain number of messages a quarter and agrees to pay a small fee for each message in excess of the prescribed number. This system is not, however, liable to become very popular, as the subscriber has to lose time every time he telephones. He calls the central and when the operator there replies he turns a crank in his 'phone that at the same time registers a mark and rings a gong at the central. When the gong sounds the central gives the asked for connection and the subscriber proceeds as other subscribers do.

THE DEFENDANT WON.

Suit Over a Note in Justice Smith's Court.

There was an interesting suit tried in the court of Justice of the Peace O. W. Smith Thursday afternoon in which D. N. Osborne & Co. were the plaintiffs and J. H. Fawcett was the defendant. Osborne & Co. are the sewing machine agents and they brought suit to recover on two notes with interest amounting to $104. The notes were given in 1896 to satisfy a judgment rendered against Fawcett at that time.

Fawcett put up the defense that at the time the notes were given it was agreed that he should go to work as an agent of the company and that the notes should be paid out of the first earnings he made from such work. He said that since that time he has continuously presented himself ready to go to work but he was never assigned to work and for that reason the notes had never been paid. After hearing the evidence in the case the court rendered a judgment in favor of the defendant. Attorney Jas. M. Lee appeared for the defendant and Attorney Frank Roby represented the plaintiff.

Safety In Travel.

It is safer to travel than to stay at home. During one year, 1899 a prominent accident insurance company paid accident claims on 2736 pedestrians and only 1233 on those travelling on railroads and steamships. The number at home and in offices was 949, while horse and carriages amounted to 913. Bicycles made a record of 556. Manual labor and trades produced 7047. It will be seen therefore that it is safer to travel than to stay at home and engage in the ordinary affairs of life. It is safer to go to New York on a train than to Harristown with a horse and buggy.

Deeds Recorded.

B. H. Cassell to Wm. Longfold lot 12 in block 3 Cassell's 7th addition to Decatur; $700.

Harry McKee to Wm. Walker, 16 feet off of the west end of the north half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 9, township 17, range 4 east; $10.

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His Skull Fractured.

Newman, April 12—An accident occurred in the campus of the Newman High school today, by which Everett McQueen, 13 years old, was seriously injured. The athletes were practicing at putting the 16-pound shot, and the young lad ran in front of the shot as it was thrown, being hit in the head and sustaining a facture of the skull.

Coming Home.

Dr. W. H. Penhallegon, who has spent the past ten weeks in the Holy Land, sailed yesterday from Liverpool for home. He will arrive in Decatur about April 23.

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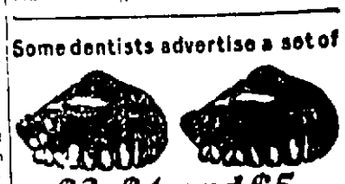

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Harrisburg, Ill., April 11.—Accompanied by rain, sleet and snow, a cold wave swooped down on this section this morning doing great damage to fruit and unprotected gardens. Many of the fruit trees were in blossom, and the rain froze on the trees as it fell. It is believed the fruit is killed.

Child Drowned.

Sycamore, Ill., April 11.—Doctor and Mrs. William Crano of Cambridge Springs, Pa., who were at Kirkland with the New York Comedy Co., met with the loss of their 4-year-old child this morning. Together with other children, he wandered to the river bank, where he fell in and was drowned. The parents are frantic with grief over their loss, and left immediately with the body for their home.

Doctor Crano is half-brother to the famous politician, Joe Sibley.

Tried to Kill Himself.

Quincy, Ill., April 11.—James Borthers, aged 28 years, attempted to commit suicide last night by taking a dose of morphine. Several hours' prompt work by physicians saved his life. He has not had steady employment recently and is supposed to have become discouraged. His relatives live in Moberly, Mo.

Society Girls in Minstrelsy.

Jacksonville, Ill., April 11.—Forty society girls appeared tonight at the Grand opera house in an Old Maid Convention. The entertainment was after the style of a minstrel show, and was given under the direction of Mrs. Harriet Sherman for the benefit of the Jacksonville free kindergarten.

Small Pox Causes Death.

Richview, Ill., April 11.—Miss Ayers, of Ashley, died today of smallpox. This is the first death which has occurred here on account of smallpox.

Springfield, Ill.—The auditor of public accounts today cancelled $13,000 of 6 per cent bonds of the city of Mattoon, Coles county, Ill.

Those Trusted Employes.

"Speaking of finding that your most trusted employes are dishonest," said a traveling man in one of the stores yesterday, "our house has recently had two of its worst experiences in that line. In both cases the dishonest persons had been with the firm for years and were greatly respected and completely trusted by everyone. The first one caught was a young woman who had been in the cloak and ready-made dress department for years and was one of the best saleswomen we ever had. She stole handsome dress skirts for some time without being suspected. The skirts were missed but it was hard to fasten suspicion on anyone, least of all her. It was finally discovered, however, that she had taken the skirts, wearing them away under her dress and selling them to friends.

"It was only a few weeks later that another young woman returned a $50 set of furs and asked to be given credit on her bill for that amount. She was asked when she bought the furs and could not remember just when it was. Her lack of memory on this point aroused suspicion and it was found that she had stolen the furs and had had the supreme gall to bring them back and ask to have them credited."

The Body Cremated.

The Chicago Tribune says of the funeral of the late Kate G. Huddlestone:

Mrs. Kate G. Huddlestone, Chicago will be cremated at Graceland. The funeral was held yesterday at her late apartments in the Majestic Rush street and Walton place, at 11 o'clock. Dr. H. W. Thomas of People's church conducted the services. The pallbearers were Howard Shaw, and Somers, Arthur Howe, Charles Scribner, D. F. Flannery, A. M. Hardy. Mrs. Huddlestone was for years secretary of the Woman's club and one of the chief workers in the organization of the general and state federation of Woman's clubs. She was an officer of the Every Day club and of the Illinois Training school for Nurses.

New Coal Shaft.

E. and F. Widlck, of Bethany, are engaged in sinking a coal shaft five miles south of the town of Findlay. The mine will have but small capacity, and a horse will be used for the hoisting power. Coal in that section of the country is found at a depth of 100 feet, but the vein is only two and one half feet thick. It is sufficient, however, to furnish a supply to Shelbyville and neighboring towns.

A New Elevator.

Kellar, Hight & McCoy, of Dalton City, are engaged in building a new elevator three-quarters of a mile south of Hervey City. The P., D. & E. railroad has put in a new switch there for the accommodation of the firm. The new elevator will have a capacity of about 15,000 bushels of grain daily. It is equipped with the low dump and other improvements known to modern elevator buildings.

Going to Europe.

Charles Ruehl and wife will sail from New York on April 28 for Hamburg, Germany. Mr. Ruehl will visit his old home at Griessen, Germany, where he left 48 years ago. During their absence they will visit the Paris exposition and will be absent from this country until September.

Are Cheaper.

Strawberries are slowly coming down off their perch. They opened up at 50c a quart, and gradually fell to 40c. Then the size of the box was changed and pint boxes used instead of quart boxes. With the change the price fell to 15c a box and Wednesday there was a further decline, two pint boxes being offered for 25c.

Dying of Pneumonia.

Will Freeland, assistant postmaster at Bethany, is dangerously ill of pneumonia, and Wednesday afternoon it was thought that he could not live through the night. The young man has a number of acquaintances here who will regret to hear of his dangerous illness.

Closing out at cost—1899 stock of buggies and other vehicles at Spencer & Lehman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, Decatur, Ill.

DIED OF CANCER

Death at Blue Mound of Conrad Kreidler, a Well Known Citizen.

LIVED THERE A LONG TIME

Was a Retired Farmer And a Man Who Stood High in the Community.

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TUESDAY

Conrad Kreidler, who had been afflicted with cancer of the mouth and throat for the last two years, died at his residence in Blue Mound Tuesday evening, April 10.

The deceased was born in Northampton county, Pa., June 9, 1832, and lacked but two months of being 68 years old. He came to this state with his family in the year 1869 and settled on a farm one mile southwest of town, where he lived until three years ago, when he rented out his farm and moved to a nice residence property he had purchased in town. His wife, Mrs. Elmyra Kreidler, died in 1892, since which time his youngest child, Mary, who is single, has kept house for him, and of whom it can be said truthfully that she did all she could to make the home as comfortable and pleasant as possible for the bereft husband and afflicted father.

The oldest son, Henry, died in Decatur, two years ago. There are still living two sons and a daughter. Percy T. lives in Chicago. Thomas F. in Mattoon and Mary in the residence here in Blue Mound. Mr. Kreidler left a quarter section of land well improved adjoining town and a handsome residence in town. Mr. Kreidler was for the most part of his life a Lutheran, but there being no church of that denomination here he latterly cast his lot with the Methodists, and at the time of his death was a consistent member of the M. E. church in Blue Mound. The funeral service will take place at the M. E. church Friday, April 13 at 10:30 a. m. The interment will be at the Waltz cemetery.

MRS. E. A. DAVIS DEAD.

Was a Long Time a Resident of Decatur and Was Widely Known.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Davis died of a cancerous tumor at her home south of the city Wednesday night. The place is best known as "Idlewild." She had been sick for a long time and the fact became known several weeks ago that her recovery was impossible. Mrs. Davis was a native of Springfield, Ohio, and was 64 years of age. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. G. E. Teasdale, of Kansas, a highly respected woman, who has been ministering to her mother during the last days of her life.

The deceased was widely known throughout this section of the state as one of the characters of Decatur. She had been a resident of Decatur for a period of forty-three years.

The time of the funeral has not yet been determined on but will be announced later.

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Seems as though 'tain't etiket
Dowsin' her in water till
She's connected with a chill.
Seems as though 'twas scarsely right
Givin' her a dreadful fright,
Tyin' rags around her tail,
Poundin' on an old tin pail,
Chasin' her around the yard.
—Seems as though 'twas kind of hard
Bein' kicked and slammed and shoved,
'Cause she wants to raise a brood.
I sh'd say it's gettin' gay
Jest 'cause natur' wants its way.
While ago my neighbor, Penn,
Started hustin' up a hen;
Went to yank her off the nest
Hen, though, made a peck and jest
Grabbed his thumbnail good and stout,
—Liked to yanked the darn thing out.
Penn he twitched away and then
Tried again to grab that hen.
But, by ginger, she had spunk,
'Cause she took and nipped a junk
Big's a bean right out his palm,
Swallered it, and cool and calm
Histed up and yelled "Cud-duh!"
Sounded like she said "Hoo-rah!"
Wal, sir, when that hen done that,
Penn he bowed, took off his hat,
Spunk jest suits him, you can bet—
"Set," says he, "gol durn ye, SET."
—Lewiston Journal.

For Sale—At Spencer & Lehman's, Decatur, Ill.—A full line of fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, spring wagons, road carts, field and garden seeds.

Horse Stolen.

It was reported to the police yesterday that a black mare together with a set of double harness had been stolen from the barn of Supervisor R. O. VanHilder of Harristown on Tuesday night. The mare was six years old, weighed 1050 pounds and has a curly mane and tail.

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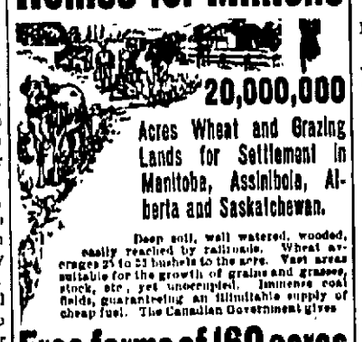

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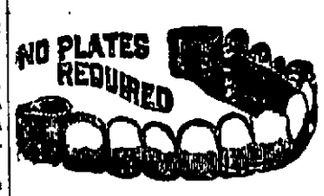

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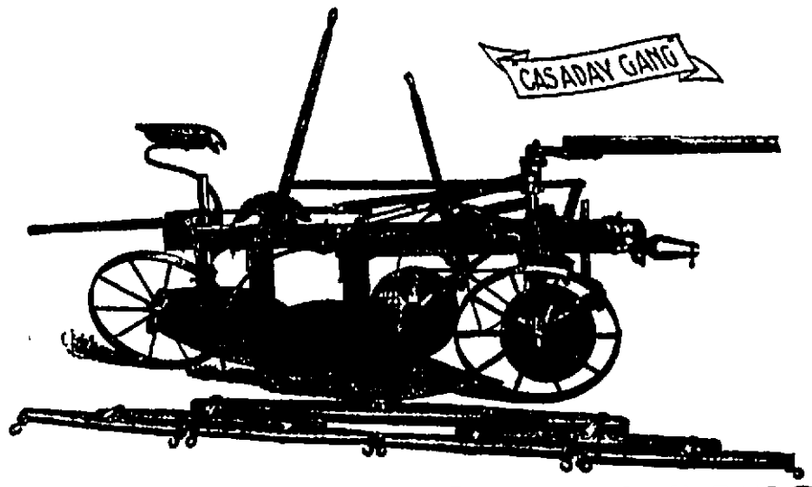

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A DECOY LETTER

Used To Fasten Guilt of Post-office Robbery On Win W. Bramble.

WAS TAKEN TO SPRINGFIELD

And Placed Under Bond In Sum of $2,000—Had To Go To Jail.

THE STORY OF HIS DOWNFALL

The local postoffice officials drew a long breath on Wednesday when they learned that Winn W. Bramble, one of the mailing clerks at the office, had been arrested with indisputable evidence on his person that he had robbed the mails. They felt some particular satisfaction out of the arrest of the young man, but were relieved to know that the person who had caused them so much worry had at last been caught. For three years complaints have been regularly made of the disappearance of letters containing money. Efforts to apprehend the guilty person proved unavailing. The persistence with which the rifling operations were carried on finally led to the suspicion that young Bramble was the guilty person, but not until Wednesday morning was the fact established and then it was established so firmly that there was no hope of escape. Bramble's guilt was fixed by means of decoy letters, an old and tried plan which has seldom failed the inspectors, whose duty it is to run down persons who tamper with the mail. When Bramble was finally arrested his pockets were filled with letters abstracted from the mails during the night. With such damning evidence staring him in the face the young man broke down and confessed his guilt.

IN JAIL.

Postoffice Inspector Thomas Laughlin, who was instrumental in encompassing the arrest of the mailing clerk, took him to Springfield on the first train. Bramble was accompanied by his young wife and mother. During the afternoon he appeared before I. W. S. Kidd, the United States commissioner, for a preliminary hearing. The inspector presented his evidence but the accused man did not have anything to offer in his own behalf. Commissioner Kidd held him to await the action of the United States grand jury in the sum of $2000. His mother and wife made an effort to secure his release by offering to go on his bond. They failed to qualify, however, and the prisoner was taken to the Springfield jail where Uncle Sam's prisoners are kept until turned behind the bars. When the fact became known that he would have to go to jail an affecting scene occurred. Both the mother and wife broke down and wept piteously. The Bramble himself, did not seem to be deeply affected. He accepted the situation with indifference and expressed the hope that his grandfather would qualify as his bondsman and secure his release.

The mother and wife came back to the city on the evening train and at once began an effort to secure a bondsman and hope to accomplish the task today.

FOR THREE YEARS.

The robbery of the mail has been going on at Decatur for three years. Complaints have been constantly received from persons who have lost money. It became evident that the work was being done in the local office, but how to find the guilty party presented a serious problem. It is not an easy matter to fix guilt in a case of this kind. At the mailing desk in the local office there are two clerks, Winn Bramble and Herman Vandine. The latter was never under suspicion, although it was first developed that Bramble rifled mail in such a way that suspicion would likely fall on Vandine. When the night service was adopted here the two men worked night week about, and during this time the rifling of the mail was continued without anyone being left to the guilty person. Vandine's health finally began to fail under the strain and the night work was divided differently. Each man was then given one month's night work at a stretch. When this change was made several months ago the cases began to clear up a trifle. It was noticed that during the month that Vandine worked there would be no complaints concerning the mail. It was also noticed that during the month that Bramble worked these complaints began coming in. There was nothing said or done to indicate to Bramble that he was suspected. During the month of February complaints were made at the office of losses amounting to $120. That month Bramble was on duty. In the following month when Vandine worked there was not a single complaint. These complaints related to local mail matter and had no reference to mail that was sent in from other points to be worked through this office. The fact that this mail pouched on the Decatur office was also being systematically rifled was shown by the fact that when arrested all letters found on Bramble's person were those that had been sent into the office during the night from surrounding towns.

CALLED AN INSPECTOR.

As far back as 1897 an inspector was called to investigate the trouble in the office. It was then suspicioned that the thefts were being committed here. Decoy letters were placed in the postoffice. The inspector went to the railway postal car to wait for the letters. They turned up all right, but some one had deliberately opened them and abstracted the money. At that time evidence sufficient could not be collected to secure a conviction. More recently the inspectors were again put to work on the case. Mr. Laughlin took charge of the matter. The case was a puzzling one. The only thing certain was that letters were being rifled but at what point was not clear. There was nothing to positively fix the guilt on any one connected with the local office. Complaints about the matter had been received at Chicago. It was as possible that the thefts were committed at some other point where the mail was handled as here. Inspector Laughlin came a month ago and sized up the situation. Vandine was on duty then and it was accepted by all who knew him that he was rigidly honest. The inspector went away and did not come back again until Tuesday and this time he went to work to catch the guilty person, if possible.

SETTING THE TRAP.

It was thought that it might take a week to establish the guilt or innocence of Clerk Bramble, and preparations were made to prolong the test, but the game was easier than had been expected and the young man took the first bait offered. Four letters were fixed containing money. The inspector, who, by virtue of his office, has access to all things connected with postoffices and postal cars, went to the railway station. With his key he opened the sacks that were received on the Illinois Central train from the south. He placed the letters in the packages from different towns south of Decatur. Later the mail pouch was received at the postoffice. The mail clerk's duty requires him to open these pouches, assort the mail and work it out so that it will make the closest connection possible. These particular letters should have been back at the depot to go out on the Wabash midnight train. The inspector was there, and when the pouches came down from the office he opened them up and found the decoy letters missing. That was conclusive evidence to him, although a person unfamiliar with the service might have demanded something more definite. Mr. Coble, chief clerk of this division, assisted Mr. Laughlin, and they decided to effect the arrest of Bramble when he left the office in the morning.

HE DID NOT WEAKEN.

Bramble knew Laughlin and Coble, but when he started to leave the office at 6 o'clock and met them in the lobby he never flinched. He had his wheel and the inspector stepped up and told him that they desired to see him at the St. Nicholas hotel. Bramble trembled just a little and answered "All right, just wait till I put my wheel away." He started back to the office but the inspector followed him. As Bramble passed Charley Hubbard, the superintendent of carriers, he whispered, "I am up against the real thing." Being unconscious of what was transpiring Hubbard did not grasp the full meaning of this. Bramble walked back to his mailing desk and abstracting the decoy letters from his pocket, shoved them into a pigeon hole. He was not quick enough. The inspector had seen him and, walking up to the case, picked up the package. "Where did you get these?" he asked carelessly. "Picked them up off the table as I passed," answered Bramble. The inspector told him he did not, but the young man faced him out and insisted that he did. On the way to the hotel he insisted that he had not done anything, and maintained this position until he came to the trying ordeal of being searched.

FELL BACK GASPING.

The inspector talked to Bramble about the robberies but the young man insisted that he did not know anything about them. Finally Laughlin said: "Well, I have got to search you." Even this did not unnerve Bramble. His coat and vest were taken off but nothing was found. His shoes were removed with no better results. The inspector was working on the theory that the letters had been opened and the marked money taken. At last he reached around to run his hand into the young man's hip pocket. Bramble was sitting on the bed. As the inspector's hand struck a package of letters Bramble toppled over on the bed with a gasp, saying: "You have got me, I give up." He lay there for a moment as one in a trance, overwhelmed by his sense of guilt and shame. At last he pulled himself together and asked a question that was ludicrous in its simplicity. "Do you think I'll lose my job?" he inquired. The inspector did not try to deceive him but answered that it was very likely.

FIFTEEN LETTERS.

In the package taken from his clothing were 15 unopened letters. These were in addition to the decoy letters that had been taken. It was apparent to the inspector that Bramble's plan had been to carry the letters from the office, open them at some safe place and destroy the evidence of his guilt. To the inspector and others he said that he had been rifling the mails since last December and admitted that he had taken in all $200. He denied having been guilty of the robberies that have occurred prior to December, and there is no evidence to fix the guilt of those crimes upon him, but the inference is, of course, that he is guilty of that the same as he is of the more recent robberies. The inspector accompanied him to his home and there the young man saw his mother and young wife. The situation was explained to them. The elder Mrs. Bramble could not grasp the full meaning of the awful revelation for some time. With her daughter-in-law she finally broke down, but the ladies finally recovered themselves sufficiently to make preparations to accompany the young man to Springfield.

THE PUNISHMENT.

The penalty for rifling United States mail is a term in the penitentiary, a jail sentence or a heavy fine, or both, as the judge may see fit. Federal courts judges have considerable latitude, but as a rule they are severe unless some extenuating circumstances should appear. As a rule also it may be said that the judicial machinery of the government is a merciless thing. Offenders generally are severely punished. Bramble may be tried either at Springfield or Cairo. Court is now in session at the latter place. In case the young man should give bond his case will most likely be tried at Springfield.

DOES NOT REALIZE IT.

The striking thing about Bramble Wednesday was his lack of appreciation of the gravity of his case. He did not seem to realize it all, but rather leaned to the hope that in some way the matter could be patched over and the affair hushed up. Bramble is a man about 26 years of age and was married only last October. He bought a little cottage in the 900 block on North Edward street and had fitted it up in handsome style. As mailing clerk his salary was $900 per year and therefore it does not appear that he had any valid reason for purloining money from the mails. He has been employed as mailing clerk for about six years.

TO SHOW HIS HONESTY.

Some weeks ago Bramble appeared at the desk of Postmaster Calhoun with a letter from which 25c had dropped. He asked that this be officially sealed. Tuesday night he left a half-dollar on the desk of the postmaster with a note explaining that he had found it on the mailing table. Before that note reached the postmaster, however, that official was called to room 13 in the St. Nicholas, where the mailing clerk was being detained.

PUZZLES THEM.

Many persons are puzzled to know how Bramble, or any one else for that matter, could tell that a letter contained money. The trick does not seem to be difficult. Similar robberies occur daily over the country. Men familiar with the mail service say that a clerk may easily tell by feeling a letter that it contains money. The envelope is worked between the fingers. If there is a bill inside there is sufficient resistance to indicate the fact. The paper is prevented from slipping smoothly as it will otherwise do. That this test will work out is shown in the fact that Bramble picked out three of the four decoy letters. It is not a sure test, however, and the man who robs mail will make mistakes. During the time that these robberies have been going on here a Decatur firm sent out a check in a letter. It was lost or taken from the mail. A duplicate was sent and it met the same fate. The man who monkeys with the mail is tempting fate. He may escape detection for a time but eventually he falls into the hands of a postoffice inspector. These inspectors say that they always catch them sooner or later and they invariably do it with so simple a thing as a decoy letter. The money put in these letters is always marked for identification purposes. If they fail to find mail on the suspected person they get him through the means of the money. Mr. Laughlin turned a very neat trick in Decatur.

OVER THREE YEARS.

Postmaster Calhoun says that at least one of the postoffice inspectors in this division suspected that stealing was going on in the Decatur office in 1897 and made an effort to ferret out the guilty person but failed. He tried several test letters but in every case the letters were opened, the money extracted and the letters sent on to their destination. After he was appointed another effort was made, without success. At that time at least two employes were suspected. Soon, however, the matter was dropped and the inspectors with one exception concluded there was nothing in it. Complaints of losses became more frequent and Mr. Calhoun satisfied himself that some one in the mailing department was guilty of stealing letters from the outgoing mail. When the night service was inaugurated the complaints became more numerous but it was not until Bramble was put on the night trick for a month, alternating with Vandine, that it became almost certain that there was crookedness in the mailing department of the Decatur office and who the guilty person was.

Mr. Calhoun regards Mr. Bramble as one of the most expert mailing clerks in this part of the country, and while he is pleased that the office has, after two years of faithful effort, been relieved from the suspicions resting upon it, he feels sorry for Bramble and his friends and hopes his punishment will be made as light as possible under the circumstances.

DAVID BATCHELDER WEDS

Retired Farmer Takes a Wife at Andover, Mass.

David Batchelder, of this city, was married yesterday at Andover, Mass., to a Miss Wardwell, of that city. The lady is said to be quite wealthy. Mr. Batchelder and bride will arrive in the city about the first of May and make their home in this city. The groom recently moved to this city from Illini township. About two months ago he left for the east, informing his friends that he was going to visit in Boston. Information received yesterday by Decatur relatives of Mr. Batchelder was the first the friends here knew that the wedding was to occur.

RIGHT TO SUE

Is Named As One of the Assets In the Wickens Estate.

Clara Wickens applied for letters of administration in the estate of her husband, the late George F. Wickens. In her petition she related that he was the owner of two lots in the second Powers addition and that a valuable asset in his estate was a right of action for damages against the Decatur Traction company for causing his death. The administratrix filed a bond in the sum of $1000.

Apple Scab Discovery.

Prof. T. J. Burrill of the department of agriculture of the University of Illinois, has announced that the parasitic fungus, usually called applescab does not winter as supposed on the twigs of the tree, and therefore cannot be killed by spraying before the buds open. This is deemed a very important matter in practical orchard management, for success hinges greatly upon the destruction of this parasite, and this destruction is dependent on knowledge of its life history. For best results the first application of the fungicide (usually Bordeaux mixture), should be made just after the leaf buds open. The investigations upon which these statements have been based, were made by G. P. Clinton of the botanical department in the spring of 1899.

Wants a Divorce.

In the circuit court yesterday Hannah Harris filed a petition asking for a divorce from her husband, Lewis Harris. The couple were married in September, 1898, and lived together about a month. The plaintiff declares that at that time, learning that her husband was faithless, she left him and has since refused to live with him.

Grover Cleveland told Princeton students about the "Independence of the executive." He ought to know.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

Some New Features About Farm Machinery.

There is less change in farm implements this season than there has been for several years, according to the statements of dealers in agricultural implements. There are no especially new machines on the market, but the recent changes in some of the old ones are proving more popular this spring. Especially is this true of riding machines. Almost all the plows sold this year are riding plows, and more than half of them are gang plows, that is there are two plows on the same frame. Four horses are generally used on this kind of a plow, and with it one man can do almost double the work he could with the old style machine, and save himself the labor of walking.

The disc harrow has always been popular. The latest improvement in these machines is the spading harrow. Instead of the plain disc, steel blades, slightly curved, making spades which throw out the earth, are used. The demand for these this year has been on the increase and their work is proving most satisfactory.

The old walking cultivator is now obsolete. The new corn planter out this year is the wireless check rower corn planter. These have high paddle wheels for the check. Their success is questionable and even should they be successful, there is not much to be gained. The trouble and work of arranging the wheels is about equal to that expended in changing the wire check row planter. They also cost more, but curiosity as to what they will do causes some farmers to take them. The principle is an old one, but has never been made a success. The improved machines cost more than the old ones and there is also some advance in prices in all classes of farm implements. The trade so far this season has, however, been very satisfactory to the dealers and the farmers seem to have money to invest in new machinery.

The volume of vehicle business has also greatly increased over last year and the advance in prices has not been so much as in other lines. Rubber-tired vehicles are now being used largely in communities where there are no pavements. While the price of rubber has gone up, yet there are many cheap tires being marketed.

It is stated that these are liable to cause much trouble to the buyers. The best of rubber tires cost from $27 to $40 a set, according to the size, and are guaranteed for a year. Other kinds can be bought for from $20 to $27 a set. The pneumatic-tired vehicles are also becoming popular and there will probably be some demand for them here this summer. The newest thing in vehicles is the Stanhope surrey or carriage. The seats of these are not detachable, being made in one piece with the bed, and the effect is exceptionally pleasing.

Dealers who handle the wooden lawn swings say they are great favorites in the country and in cities as well and are being sold by the thousands. They are both single and double and cost from $5 to $7, according to the size.

RIG DESERTED.

Oakley Authorities Ask For Information But Don't Get It.

Last night the police received a telephone message from Oakley asking for information about a rig that had been left in that village early Wednesday morning.

The Oakley authorities said that the buggy was an open one and was drawn by a gray mare. Early Wednesday morning the outfit was brought to Oakley by a man about 40 years old. He was accompanied by a small woman. They bought tickets to Bement and boarded the first Wabash train east. The beast was still standing at a rack in Oakley at 9 o'clock last night. The Decatur police could not give any information about the rig.

TODD'S POINT.

The democratic broom made almost a clean sweep of our township on the third. Nothing was left but the assessor, J. Nowby and one of the justices, A. L. Gepford, to mark the footsteps of the republican party.

Some of the members of Wm. Perry's family are seriously sick.

Harve Farls is making an extension to his home in the shape of a summer kitchen.

Dave Perry has sheared a portion of his sheep. He was assisted by John Nowby.

R. W. Noble and Miss P. Byatt of Bethany spent Sunday with friends here.

Erve Masterson sold three colts this week to John Unleh. Consideration, $100.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Silver of Sullivan visited over the week end at the homes of their daughter, Mrs. Jas. Foster and their son, Ralph Silver respectively.

The quarterly conference of the M. E. church took place in Findlay on the 7th. The stewards from this part of the circuit, Mrs. J. W. Atkinson and Mrs. Jas. Johnson were both present.

Our school was visited on the 3d by the county superintendent, B. F. Pendro, Esq., of Sullivan accompanied by Miss Effie and Mr. Pendro succeeded in interesting both senior and junior scholars in his usual happy way and all are anticipating another visitation at no distant date.

On Monday, April 2d, meeting of the school trustees was held at the office of the treasurer, Thos. Fleming. As the term of John Ernll has expired and Eli Combs and Von Turner both resigned the district will have the entire board to elect on April 11. April 10.

Paderewski wouldn't play at Sacramento last night because only 122 seats had been sold.

Bankers Berger and Magill are at work in the hospital and in the prison store at Joliet.

Ten chances to one you won't like the house you are moving into half as well as the one you're leaving.

It will cost you one franc to see the Paris exposition from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.—double that price after 6 o'clock; 65,000,000 tickets of admission have been printed.

With the admiral it's Dewey first and the platform a bad second.

Hon. Webster Davis is very much in danger of vanishing through the same coal hole that swallowed Mr. Macrum.

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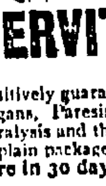
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WICKENS INQUEST

Jury Says the Traction Company Was Not to Blame.

WICKENS WAS BEWILDERED

Eye Witness Tells That There Was a Second Horse and Buggy In the Way.

THE TESTIMONY AND THE VERDICT

The jury which was called to inquire into the death of George F. Wickens concluded their work Thursday afternoon and gave a verdict exonerating the Decatur Traction company and their employes. The two men who were mentioned as being in a buggy driving north directly in front of Wickens appeared before the jury. The testimony as outlined in the Herald several days ago did not throw any new light on the accident. An eye witness who had not before been heard of was reported to Coroner Bendure and by him summoned to testify. This witness was Robert S. Welsh. He was near the intersection of Water and Eldorado streets at the time of the accident. His testimony and the testimony of other witnesses at the final hearing showed that Wickens had not only to dodge the horse ahead of him when it began to back, but that he had also to dodge a horse going south. It is evident that if there had been only the horse going north he could have swung around to the left of that rig and still have had plenty of space between that buggy and the street car for safe passage. For at the moment that Wickens swung to the west there appeared in front of him and coming toward him another buggy and horse. That was what bewildered him and he turned in front of the street car.

Robert Walsh was the one who told that story. He says that Wickens seemed bewildered and acted like a man who did not know which way to turn. Witness Welsh said that when he saw Wickens continue further to the west to dodge the second horse and buggy and get on the street car tracks, he (the witness) involuntarily said: "You're gone." The witness would not attempt to say anything about the speed of the street car.

Freeman Scott and W. E. Williamson, who were in the buggy going north, and behind which Wickens had been riding, knew nothing of the accident until their attention was called to it by persons on the sidewalk. Then Williamson went back and saw that the victim was Wickens, whom he and Scott had passed a block further south. Scott said that his horse did not scare until the gong had been sounded. He was of the opinion that the speed of the car was not unusually high. E. I. Williamson also saw the south horse and buggy referred to by Welsh but he did not see the accident.

Sabrel Clark, living at 133 North Clinton street, was a passenger on the car when the accident occurred. He said that he sat in the corner of the car and saw Wickens start across the tracks some distance ahead of the car. The moment that Wickens started across the tracks the motorman shut off the current and began to tighten the brakes. Clark was of the opinion that the speed of the car was slower than usual. He said there were several other passengers on the car.

Howard Newell, driver on an oil wagon, said that he had been standing on the east side of the street talking to a friend. His team was on the west side of the street. Seeing the car approach he ran across the street and climbed into his seat. When he started across the street he saw a man on the east side of the street car track riding north. As he got into his seat he saw the street car strike that man and throw him to the west side of the tracks. He was not certain about the ringing of the gong.

The verdict of the jury was: "We, the coroner's jury, have decided by the evidence given that the deceased came to his death by attempting to ride a bicycle across the track in front of a street car, No. 34, in the city of Decatur, and place no blame on the street car company or its employes."

The jurors signing the verdict were W. T. Conard, Henry Schlie, R. W. Ferguson, E. W. Barkman, E. S. Baker and W. E. Sanders.

Shame, Old Winter!

Shame, old Winter, snowy haired,
Lingering in the lap of Spring!
Even younger blood that dared
Would be shamed for such a thing!
Go your way! Go your way!
Bleak and bitter, bent and gray!
Long enough you've had your day—
Go away!

Shame, old Winter! Why should you,
Wrinkle-faced and blear of eye,
Come the dainty Spring to woo,
When your time is near to die?
Go your way! Go your way!
Spring will wed with Summer gay!
All that's left you is to pray—
Go away! RIPLEY D. SAUNDERS.

BACK AND FORTH.

Electric Light On West Macon Street Is Causing Trouble.

There is a certain electric light pole in the 900 block on West Macon street that is an unusually bright pole if it knows this evening just where it is "at." For the past few days it has been walking back and forth from its stand in front of the grocery store owned by Rev. A. B. Cobb, in the middle of the block, to the butcher shop owned by Billy Bratton on the corner of the street just opposite Westminster chapel. Its little journeys to the shops of grocery and butcher has caused the city council and the mayor some trouble and the residents of the 900 block on Macon street some anger and a great deal of amusement. It happened like this Mr. Cobb and Mr. Bratton were partners. They agreed to dissolve partnership and Mr. Bratton moved his butcher shop a half block away on the next corner. Now Mr. Cobb had the advantage of Mr. Bratton in just one way; he had an electric light just in front of his store while Mr. Bratton's place of business was just a little in the shade. Mr. Batton decided that he wanted more light and being a politician of some influence he secured the influence of some of his third ward friends to get the light changed to the corner. The city council granted a petition to have the light changed and the men were accordingly put to work. All this happened without the majority of the peaceful inhabitants of that particular block knowing what was going on. However the day the man came to move the pole one of the majority in the shape of a woman began to make inquiries as to why they were to be deprived of their light. The workmen told her that they were moving the light because the trees in the middle of the block were so thick and the foliage consequently so heavy that the wires were kept damp and were frequently burned out. This, they said, might all be overcome by moving the light to the end of the block. The woman did not like the explanation and she visited a few of her neighbors with a view of obtaining their opinion on the subject.

The result was that the mayor was asked to interfere and after hearing their reason for the request he ordered an investigation which was made by the council on Wednesday morning before breakfast, or very early at any rate. The men had by this time moved the pole to the corner and had it set in place. Acting on the report of the investigating committee Mayor Shadler ordered them to put the pole back where it was in the first place and leave it there pending a decision by the city council at their next meeting. The men moved the pole back and after setting it up they found that it had never been in just the right place and they resolved to move it a few feet to arrange this matter. They took it up and while they had it up the man who had secured permission from the city council to move it to the corner came along. He raised a row and ordered the pole taken back to the corner.

The American section of the Paris show will be closed Sundays. A haystack was sold in New York yesterday for $2,300. It was only a picture and was painted by foreign labor.

How They Stand.

The following table shows how the republican candidates in the race for the republican gubernatorial nomination stand at this time.

Instructed for Reeves, 123.
Instructed for Yates 101.
Instructed for Haney, 23.
Instructed for Brown, 7.
Contested, 46; Uninstructed, 402.
Delegates selected, 702.
Delegates to state convention, 1532.
Delegates yet to be chosen, 830.

Bank Change at Moweaqua.

There has been a reorganization of the banking firm of Kellar, Brown & Co. at Moweaqua. J. W. Brown has retired from the firm and the new organization will be known as Kellar, Ayars & Co. The officers are: D. P. Kellar, president; Ralph Ayars, cashier; M. S. Ayars, assistant cashier.

FIGHT FOR A CHILD.

New York Couple Create a Scene On a Steamer Pier.

New York, April 12—A dispute between Charles Frecker and wife over the custody of their foster child Conrad Benjamin Frecker, aged 4, led to an exciting scene on the north German Lloyd pier at Hoboken today and the arrest of Frecker. The boy is now in the custody of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Judge Fitzgerald in the supreme court next Monday will decide what disposition shall be made of him. The boy arrived at Hoboken from Bremen on the steamer Lapnar in care of the steward. Frecker boarded the steamer down the bay. When the Lapnar arrived at the pier Frecker was served with a writ of habeas corpus demanding that he produce the boy in court, which he refused to obey and was placed under arrest. Mrs. Frecker was violent and abusive, and both Frecker and the child seemed afraid of her. A crowd of several thousand hooted at the woman.

Frecker says his wife told him she kidnapped the boy from wealthy parents in Milwaukee before their marriage. At another time she told him the lad was the son of her former husband, Dr. Charles Hamilton of Chicago. He says his wife is unfit to have the custody of the boy. Mrs. Frecker alleges she adopted the boy from a foundling asylum at Milwaukee.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andews will decide today whether he will go to Lincoln, Neb.

TAKING OFF WAR TAX.

Measure Proposed to Repeal Certain Revenue Provisions.

Washington, April 12—In view of Secretary Gage's statement of the growing surplus, importance attaches to a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Tawney of Minnesota, a member of the ways and means committee, to repeal tariff provisions of the war revenue act to take effect July 1, 1900:

Contract, broker's note or memorandum of sale of any goods, etc., 10 cents.

"Conveyance deed, instrument, etc., when the consideration or value exceeds $100 and does not exceed $500, 50 cents, and for each additional $500 or fractional part thereof, in excess of $500, 50 cents.

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"Mortgage, or pledge, etc., exceeding $1000, and not exceeding $1500, 25 cents, and on each $500 in excess of $1500, 25 cents.

"Power of attorney to sell and convey real estate, etc., 25 cents.

"Protests, etc., 25 cents."

Fourteen cases of smallpox exist at Oskaloosa, Ia.

Bryan was at Phoenix and Prescott, Arizona, Thursday.

THREE OF A KIND

The Department Answered Three Alarms Thursday for Small Fires.

INCENDIARISM IS CHARGED

As the Cause of Two Fires After Night—The Damage In Each Case Was Light.

FIRE SCARE AT GEBHART'S STORE

The fire department answered three alarms Thursday, more than they ordinarily have in a week. None of the fires occasioned any considerable damage. The belief is that both fires after night were incendiary. About 8:20 the police sent in an alarm from headquarters, a fire having been discovered in a residence next the alley on the south side of Washington street between Main and Water streets. The house is occupied by two families. Mrs. Gowan had lived in that part of the house where the fire occurred but she had been out of the city two days. The fire was in a box in a kitchen which was close up to the alley. In that room was a lot of loose straw, evidently part of a bed tick. Just what it had been could not be told because the fire had partly destroyed it. The house is the property of Henry Coulter. The damage will be covered by a few dollars.

WOOD'S BARN.

About 9 o'clock the department was called to the residence of Frank Wood on West Prairie avenue. The barn in the rear of that residence was in flames. The hose crew from the Main street house succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before the barn was destroyed. The fire originated in the loft in the bay, and the top of the barn was burned off. A surrey and a top buggy were damaged some before they could be removed. The damage will perhaps be $200. Chief Devore was of the opinion that the two fires after night were incendiary.

GEBHART'S FIRE.

The fire department was called out to the Gebhart block Thursday afternoon by an alarm of fire that caused consternation among the residents of the block. The appearance of the fire crews in front of the building was about the first many of the inmates of the block knew of the fire and they rushed out into the street in a very excited frame of mind. The fire was caused by C. F. Hockaday one of the employes of the Gebhart implement house. He had gone down into the basement under the dry goods store to get a rope and pulley. The rope was lying in the dark corner of the basement and Hockaday lighted a match to see the stuff. He did not notice that a pile of jute covered with tar which had been used by some plumbers at work at the building was lying close to the rope. When he threw the match down it instantly ignited the pile of combustible jute and the smoke ascended up through the floor to the dry goods store above and resulted in the alarm being turned in. Hockaday immediately noticed the fire and promptly turned a stream of water on the fire from the hose which is kept in the basement for such emergencies and the fire was all out by the time the fire crews arrived at the store.

ARCHBISHOP'S TWO WILLS

Michael J. Hennessy Has Discovered the Second.

Dubuque, Ia., April 12—A petition has been filed in the district court by Michael J. Hennessy, brother of the late Archbishop Hennessy, asking the revocation of the instrument purporting to be his last will and testament. It is claimed that two other wills have been discovered of subsequent date, which materially change the bequests as to relatives, but leave the property donated to religious purposes intact.

At the time the archbishop's will was filed lawyers who had some knowledge of the archbishop's vast estate, wondered what disposition he had made of the property he inherited from his brother, which at one time was valued at $1,000,000.

LOOKED LIKE WASHINGTON

Nearest Relative of Father of His Country Dead.

Washington, April 12—Ebenezer Burgess Ball, the nearest surviving relative of George Washington, died at his residence in this city early this morning. He was 84 years of age and unmarried.

Mr. Ball bore a striking resemblance to Gen. Washington and it is said his photographs have been mistaken for reproductions of portraits of the first president. Mr. Ball was born in Loudon county, Va., but early in life went west as a pioneer and was at one time a scout and Indian fighter in the army.

He came to Washington about 30 years ago and engaged in trade, during the last years of his life conducting by special permission a tobacco stand in the pension office.

Telegraphs Brief.

The Transvaal commissioners have gone from Naples to Milan.

Russia has presented the Korean government with renewed demands referring to Masampo.

Count of Lubersac and Baron Eduardo Rothschild, son of Baron Alphonse Rothschild, fought a sword duel Thursday and Rothschild was injured in the arm.

The Southern Pacific bridge over the Colorado River at Columbus, Texas, was swept away by the flood at a loss of over $100,000. The town is entirely surrounded by water but no lives have been lost.

George Fred Williams is a Bryan vice presidential possibility.

VACANCY DECLARED.

Stockholders of the Base Ball Association Take Action.

At the city council rooms last night the stockholders of the baseball association met to take action on the question of electing a secretary to succeed Win Bramble, resigned. Bramble had served as secretary and treasurer. Henry Drobisch was elected secretary and K. H. Roby, Jr., was elected treasurer. Dan Dinneen was elected director to succeed Henry Drobisch. Bramble had been the Decatur representative in the board of league managers and Archie F. Wilson, who presided at the meeting last night, was chosen to fill that vacancy.

The stockholders extended to Earl Colladay a vote of thanks. The assistant city engineer had staked out the ground for the diamond and made no charge for his work. The baseball enthusiasts who are long on good feeling and short on cash appreciate the kindness of the engineer.

Manager Frank Weikart says that Pitcher Sam McMackin and Catcher Frank Badger will probably be in Decatur today. Both of the players are married men and will be accompanied by their wives. Badger has two children.

Jack Herbert, of Macon, who played last year with Newark, N. J., has been signed to play with Decatur as left fielder and change catcher.

Kling, who played last year with Oswego, N. Y., and the year before with Charleston, S. C., and is looked upon as a capable man in the infield, has been signed for Decatur.

Wilkinson, of Kansas City, has been signed for second base and says he will be here next Friday.

Perry Griffin, the short stop, says he will register on Tuesday. Sam Roust, the Kansas pitcher, is likely to drift in any old day. He has signed and is on his way east.

A proposition has been made to the management of the Diels, a strong amateur team of St. Louis, for exhibition games in Decatur on April 22 and 23. The reply of the management has not yet been received. Logansport and Quincy have been asked to name dates for exhibition games. The desire is to get in as many games as possible before the opening of the league season in order that the team may have the benefit of actual field work.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

German M. E. Society Elects Officers—Next Programme.

The Epworth League of the German Methodist church held its regular monthly meeting last night and after the rendition of a special program the semi-annual election of officers was held with the following result:

President—H. T. Wencke.
Vice President—A. Hartman.
Secretary—Lydia Brockman.
Treasurer—Lydia Witzeman.
Organist—Mary Burke.
Assistant—Clara Neidermyer.
Librarian—Barney Robinson.
Assistant—John Kush.

The following committees were appointed:

Program committee—H. Wencke, Mary Mattes, Mrs. E. Mattes, A. C. Witzeman, Rev. C. Rodenberg.

Social committee—Lydia Brockman, Mary Burke, Mrs. E. Mattes.

The society decided to invite Rev. Ludwick of Nokomis to lecture before the society.

The following program was prepared for the next meeting:

Song—Society.
Bible Reading—John Kush.
Essay—H. Wencke.
Reading—Lydia Waxholmer.
Quartet—E. Mattes, J. F. Mattes, Al Witzeman, A. Hartman.
Declamation—Barney Robinson.
Instrumental Duet—A. Hartman and Carl Mattes.
Song—Society.
Bass Solo—A. C. Witzeman.
Remarks.

DANCING MADE HER INSANE

Girl Who Passed Her Nights In Waltzing An Inmate of a Madhouse.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 12—Raving in the padded cell in the insane ward of the almshouse, Jennie Horwitz spends her time alternately waltzing with partners who have an existence only in her unbalanced mind and swearing at those whose duty it is to watch over and care for her.

Dr. Ivers visited the mad girl and when he stepped into her cell she sprang at him scratching his face and tearing his clothes. Dr. Ivers is an athlete and the insane girl does not weigh more than 100 pounds, but the physician was nearly exhausted when he finally pinioned the girl's arms behind her and slipped out of the door. When she saw that he had escaped her she flung herself against the cell door in a frantic attempt to reach him.

Dr. Ivers immediately ordered handcuffs put on the girl to prevent her from injuring the attendants. As soon as they were adjusted she began waltzing about her cell. The physicians say there is no hope for Jennie. She has grown more violent every hour that she has been in the padded cell. She will be taken to the state asylum in Middletown, where her mother, who has been insane for 17 years, is confined. The physicians say that while there is a taint of madness in the family, Jennie, in all likelihood, would not have become insane had she not broken her health by attending dances nearly every night and remaining till late in the morning, then going to her work in the cartridge shop.

Bridge Carried Away.

Liberal, Kas., April 12—A wave of water ten feet high, due to heavy rains or a cloudburst west came down the Cimmaron river Saturday morning, carrying away 450 feet of the Rock Island bridge at Arkalon taking fences, hay stacks, and several small houses in its way. One house was washed half a mile with six persons in it, but all were rescued. No trains reached here since Friday, telegraphic communications has just been resumed.

A DAY FOR BEARS

Tone of the Wheat Market Was Rather Weak, Close Showing a Loss.

CORN MARKET WAS CHOPPY

The Fluctuations Were Frequent and The Close Was a Little Lower.

DECLINE IN CATTLE AND HOGS

Chicago, April 12—Wheat—Trade fair volume, the range being ⅜ to ⅝. The feeling was weaker, the local temper being rather bearish and the close showing May off ⅜ to ½ and July ⅜ lower, the spread widening somewhat. Cables weaker, and the movement fairly liberal, primary receipts being about 140,000 ahead of last year. Spot Liverpool was unchanged, but futures were ⅛ to ¼ lower. The northwest and the southwest sold and there was getting out of lines which covered yesterday. Clearings were moderate and New York reported 24 boat loads accepted. Unofficial Argentine shipments were large and was another bear feature.

Corn—Market fairly active, but quite choppy the fluctuations being frequent within ¾ to 1⅛ range. The close showed May off ½ to one cent. July was ⅝ lower and September ⅝ easier. There was a rush to sell at the start and the initial trades showed ¼ to ½ decline. The action in wheat and provisions, lower cables and liberal western movement were among the bear influences. Spot Liverpool was ½ higher and futures were off ¼ to ⅜. New York reported 32 boat loads accepted. At the decline and around 40 for July professionals bought freely and floor traders covered, causing ¼ to ⅜ rally. Large quantities of May came out later, evidently long property and prices again reacted.

Oats—Active but weaker, closed lower. Prices receded ¼ to ½ and closed about inside. The weakness was in sympathy with other grains and on liberal selling by longs. Buying was scattered.

GRAIN, FLOUR AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, April 12—Wheat—April 66¼; July 67⅛.
Corn—April 38⅛; July 39⅞ to 39⅞.
Oats—April 23⅝; May 23⅝; July 24⅛.
Rye, May 55½; barley 38½ to 45; flax $1.73. Timothy $2.40; clover $7.65.
Flour quiet; market steady.
Wheat—Fairly moderate, weaker, closing lower; No. 2 red, no sales; No. 2 spring, no sales; May opened 66⅝; highest, 67; lowest 66¼; closed 66⅜.
Corn—Fairly active, unsettled, closing lower; No. 2 cash 39⅞; May opened 39¼; highest 39¼; lowest 38⅞; closed 38⅞.
Oats—Active, weaker, closing lower; No. 2 white, no sales; No. 3 white, 27 to 27¼.

PROVISIONS.

Pork—April $12.67½; July $12.80.
Lard—April $7; July $7.07½.
Ribs—April $7; July $7.
Short Clear Sides, $7.20 to $7.30.

PRODUCE.

Butter firm; creameries 14 to 18; dairies 13 to 16.
Eggs—Firm 11½.

POULTRY.

Dressed poultry firm, turkeys 8½ to 12; chickens 10.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Chicago, April 12—The following were the receipts and shipments today:

	Receipts.	Ship.
Flour	22	58
Wheat	51	142
Corn	409	248
Oats	227	257

GRAIN AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, April 12—Wheat—Cash, 71⅝; July 67½.
Corn—Cash, 38½; July 38⅝ to 38⅞.
Oats—Cash, 25; July 23⅜.

GRAIN AT PEORIA.

Peoria, April 12—Corn easier, 29½.
Oats—Easy; No. 3 white 26 to 26¼.

THE NEW YORK MARKETS.

New York, April 12—Wheat—Receipts 33,000; exports 103,000. Spot weak; No. 2 red 79⅝ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red 76⅝ elevator. Options closed weak at ⅛ to ⅜ net decline. May 73⅞.

Corn—Receipts 36,000. Exports 207,000. Spot weak; No. 2, 46⅝ f. o. b. afloat and 46 elevator. Options closed weak at ⅜ to ⅝ decline; May 44⅝.

Oats—Receipts 169,000; exports 101,000. Spot easier; No. 2 28½; No. 2 white 31; track mixed western 29 to 30; track white 30½ to 35. Options quarter cent lower. No. 2 white new oats, May 30½.

Butter—Western creamery 17 to 20.

Eggs—Easier; western at mark 12 to 12½.

Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7¼. May $6 90.

Sugar—Raw, firm. Refined, firm.

WHEAT AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Minneapolis, April 12—Wheat weaker, ⅜ under yesterday's close. May 64⅝ to 64½; July 66. Cash No. 1 northern brought from ⅜ to 1½ over May; No. 2, from ½ under to ½ over.

GRAIN AT LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, April 12—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western, winter, 5s 1d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s ½d.

Corn—Spot American mixed, old, nominal; American mixed, new, steady, 4s 2d.

LIVE STOCK GOSSIP.

Chicago, April 12—Cattle—Liberal supplies for the week of over 50,000 and prices naturally weakened, today's market averaging ten cents lower, but late in the day becoming steady.

Hogs—One hundred and thirteen thousand arrivals during the week against 93,000 last week caused prices to decline 5 to 7½ cents.

Sheep—Steady; good demand.

LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Chicago, April 12—Cattle—Receipts 11,500; market steady, beeves $4.15 to $5.85; cows, $3 to $4.50; Texans $4 to $5.30; stockers $3.50 to $4.90.

Hogs—Receipts 26,000; market 5c to 7½c lower; mixed $5.30 to $5.60; heavy $5.45 to $5.65; light $5.30 to $5.50.

Sheep—Receipts 12,000; market steady; $5 to $6.50; lamb $5.50 to $7.50.

AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, April 10—Cattle—Receipts 2000. Native shipping and beef steers $3.80 to $5.80; stockers and feeders $3.45 to $4.85; cows and heifers $2 to $4.70; Texas steers $3.80 to $4.90.

Hogs—Receipts 7000. Range $5.30 to $5.65.

MONEY.

New York, April 12—Money on call steady 3½ to 4, last loan 3½. Prime paper 4½ to 5; exchange firm; demand, $4.87½ to $4.87¾; 60 days, $4.83¾.

Decatur Markets.

Butter, ready sale—			
Country, per lb	$ .15	@	.....
Packing stock	.11½	@	.....
Creamery	.24	@	.....
Eggs, per dozen	.08	@	.09
Northern Potatoes	.45	@	.....
Lemons, 300 size	3.50	@	4.00
Bananas, straights, per bunch	1.85	@	2.00
Peanuts, roasted, per lb	.07	@	.08
Peanuts, raw, per lb	.05	@	.06½
Apples, per bbl	4.00	@	5.00
Celery, per bunch	.70	@	.80
Sweet potatoes, per brl	3.50	@	4.00
Onions, per bu	.90	@	1.00

Oysters—Selects, 35c; Red Cross standards, 25c; O. K. standards, 22c; Bulk Oysters, per gallon, $1.10.

(These prices are paid by grocers.)

Butter, per lb	$ .15	@	.16
Eggs, per dozen	.09	@	.....
Potatoes, home grown, per bu	.45	@	.....
Onions, per bu	.70	@	.80
Lard, per lb	.06½	@	.07
Apples, per bu	.70	@	1.00

POULTRY—LIVE WEIGHT.

Hens, per lb	$ .07	@	.....
Springs	.07	@	.....
Cocks	.03	@	.....
Ducks	.06	@	.....
Turkeys	.06	@	.08
Geese	.04	@	.....
Eggs	...	@	.09

GRAIN.

Wheat, No. 2	.65	@	.....
Corn, white	.34	@	.35
Corn, yellow	.34	@	.....
Oats, white	.23	@	.....
Oats, mixed	.22	@	.....
Rye	.35	@	.....

BUTCHER STOCK.

Hogs, per 100	4.65	@	5.01
Shipping cattle	4.00	@	5.00
Cows	3.00	@	3.50
Heifers	3.00	@	4.00
Butcher steers	3.50	@	4.10
Calves	4.00	@	4.25
Sheep	3.50	@	5.00
Lambs	3.50	@	6.00

HAY AND STRAW.

Baled hay—			
Timothy, new	$11.50	@	.....
Mixed	10.00	@	11.50
Straw	....	@	6.00

Retail Prices.

GRAIN

Oats	.32	@	.....
Corn	.45	@	.....

BALED HAY AND STRAW

Timothy, per cwt	.90	@	.65
Clover, per cwt		@	.60
Straw per bale	.30	@	.....

Talk Fusion.

Portland, Ore., April 21—The populist state convention spent almost the entire day in an attempt to effect a permanent organization. The contest was over fusion with the democrats and the fusion element was finally victorious. After the appointment of a committee to confer with the convention took a recess until 7:30 tonight. The silver republicans held no convention today, there being only a small number of delegates present. The democratic state convention organized and appointed a committee on platform and one to confer with a committee from the populist state convention regarding union forces. Late in the afternoon the convention adjourned until 7:30.

Over three inches of snow fell in Chicago Wednesday night and Thursday morning breaking all April weather records.

FARMERS COLUMN

POSTS—We want 500 oak posts, delivered to our farm 8 miles south of Harristown. Pegram & Hostetler, Citizen's bank building.—April3-wmo

S. C. BROWN, Leghorns' eggs for sale from high scoring birds, at rate of 15 for $1; 20 for $1.50, and $4.50 per 100. Good hatch guaranteed. 100 eggs incubated 14 days. Only six infertile. Mrs. Geo. Rau, Latham, Ill.—April2 wlm

MONEY TO LOAN—On farm land at 5 per cent interest. Rates are advancing slightly, and if you want to avail yourself of cheap money, now is your time to act. We also loan on live stock, implements, grain or on good personal security. Our terms are reasonable. George W. Ehrbart, loan broker, 137 N. Water St.—9-wlw

FOR SALE—One all steel harrow and six shovel corn cultivator in good order. Inquire at Siewer's blacksmith shop, Wood street, opposite Koehler's store.—10-wlw

LOANS AND LOANS—All classes of loans negotiated on live stock, wagons, buggies, grain, growing crops, pianos, or any good security. No high rates. Best terms. Easy payments. Call and see me. Albert T. Summers, 145 N. Water St.—April 6-wtf

FOR SALE—Four head of good thorough bred and registered Hereford bulls, old enough for service the coming season. Charley Ash, Harristown, Ill.—Mch-28 w 4w

PUBLIC SALE—I will sell at my residence, 2 miles west and half mile south of Blue Mound, Ill., On Saturday, March 24, 1900, the increase of my herd of thoroughbred Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs, consisting of 7 good young milch cows, 5 heifers, 3 bulls of the leading strains of St. Lambert, Stoke Pogis and Lord Harvey families. Twenty sows safe in pig also some choice gilts and young boars of the leading strains. I will also sell a span of work horses, one steer and one fat heifer. Sale commences at 11 o'clock a. m. A. Hebenstreit. For catalogs address A. Hebenstreit, Blue Mound, Ill.—Mch3-w6t

ANDREW'S RESTAURANT—New Beds. Good board. Seven meals, $1; 21 meals, $3; beds, 25 cents. Lunch counter open all night. Leave your grip, eat a lunch and stay all night. South side transfer house.—21-Fwtf

WANTED—Carriages and all kinds of vehicles, painted and put in shape for spring use. Neat, durable work. Free storage and insurance on vehicles left with me until spring. Shop 233 N. Church St. J. L. English.—Jan-26 wtf

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NEARBY TOWNS.

SULLIVAN.

Miss Myrtle Dunscomb spent Sunday in Bethany.

Misses Cora and Ethel Mitchell of Bethany were in Sullivan last week.

J. L. Jennings returned Tuesday from Bloomington.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hudson of Bethany were in the city Monday.

Mrs. Frank Foster visited Decatur Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Brown went to Kirksville.

Mrs. Laura Boggs and Miss Emma Boggs of Lovington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster Monday.

Mr. W. R. D[illegible] Kansas station visited her, with her daughter, Miss Pearl. Ann's Lanel [illegible] Miss Mollie of Bethany were in the city Friday of last week.

F. J. Miller was a Tuscola visitor the first of the week.

Rev. C. Reed of the M. E. church went to Lovington Wednesday to attend the [illegible] of the Decatur district.

Mrs. Lonnie McIntyre returned home Monday from Tuscola and Arthur.

Miss Lottie Chapman is home from Arthur.

Miss Clara Moore is visiting her cousin Miss Tena Wrigh at [illegible].

The Ivy Gregory of Harvey City visited Miss Tena Snow the first of the week.

J. W. Atkinson of Todd's Point was here on legal business Wednesday.

Miss Ora Tichenor has gone to Mattoon to accept a position in the office of C. D. Gossway [illegible].

The new Christian church is nearly ready for the plasterers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham was called to Ashley by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Glen.

Fred Turner is back from Kimmundy where he was called by his mother's illness.

The Royal Neighbors gave a social Saturday evening. Refreshments were served [illegible] rendered.

Frank Wall of Bethany and Miss Alice Conrad were married at the [illegible] Wednesday evening in the presence of a number of relatives and friends by Rev. [illegible] W. Olmstead of Lower Hu[illegible].

Miss Nona Scott gave a farewell party to a number of her little friends Tuesday afternoon. Miss Nova will soon be "at home" to Charleston friends.

The members of the M. E. church have planned a reception for their pastor, Rev. C. Reed, before his departure for Europe.

Miss Winnie Edgar gives a recital next Monday evening at the opera house for the benefit of the Christian church organ fund. Miss Edgar returned only a few months ago from Paris where she had been three years receiving instructions.

The board of directors have decided that the county fair shall be held this year. A meeting of the stock holders has been called to consider [illegible] for the use [illegible] of the grounds.

C. and Han[illegible] spent Sunday in Bethany.

A mass meeting of the citizens was held at the [illegible] Wednesday evening. Principal addresses were made by J. E. Jennings. On Saturday evening, April 14, the meeting will be held at the opera house and will be addressed by Hon. John R. Eden.

Mrs. Mont Stewart and Miss Fannie Stewart of Allenville were in Sullivan Tuesday. April 12.

TAYLORVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McAdoo were tendered a surprise last Saturday night by their comrades in uniform of the [illegible], the occasion being the 25th anniversary of McAdoo's birth.

Sheriff T. J. Downey and Attorney James L. Drennan went to Litchfield Monday morning to get a continuance in the $7000 damage suit brought by Tom [illegible].

W. S. Denton has resigned his position in Williams & Lehnheart's drug store to accept a position in Dr. G. T. Spitzer's drug store at Peoria.

Wm. Jenkins has removed to Alton, Ill., where he will be employed in the coal mine.

Mrs. A. L. Wiley and Henry Wiley went to Decatur Sunday to hear Judge Wm. S. Ewing of Chicago lecture on the subject of Christian Science.

F. S. Witter is filling the unexpired term of A. M. Bledsoe who resigned as teacher in the North Dakota school so as to have more time for his campaign for county superintendent.

Jennie C. Powers was granted separate maintenance from her husband, Patrick Downs.

The Courier Printing Co. has leased of C. N. Wells the building formerly used by the Democrat.

W. S. Hildon and wife who were recently married at Franklin, Ind., will receive Tuesday April 17.

"A Breezy Time" was presented for the fourth time to a large crowd who went away very much pleased.

Rev. W. L. Winburne of Tullahoma, Tenn., will preach at the Baptist church next two Sundays.

Miss Lelia Calloway entertained at whist last Wednesday afternoon.

The young ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a conundrum social Thursday night at the home of Miss S. Marie Brooks.

C. A. Dannigan of Decatur is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

Mrs. J. C. Hunter went to Stonington last Wednesday to attend the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. B. Chapman Jr., who is ill.

W. S. Gore and nieces, Miss Nellie Gore and Mrs. Lulu Eubanks have gone to Flora to attend the wedding of a niece of Capt. Hanon.

J. J. Doyle has returned from Texas where he went to benefit his health.

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HAMMOND.

George Morris and James Huff drove to Decatur Monday.

Miss Marstella returned from Mattoon the first of the week.

John Huff and wife, of Cerro Gordo, visited his brother William Huff and family Sunday.

Miss Stella Clark is home from Charleston, owing to the illness of her father.

Miss Mary Jaques returned from Mattoon Saturday.

Miss Noe is home from Chicago, where she has been attending medical school.

Edna Kinzel, of Lovington, was visiting relatives here Wednesday.

Mrs. Greene, of LaPlace attended the institute held at the M. E. church here last week.

Miss Mabel Coddington, of Atwood, was in our city a short time Wednesday en route to Lovington.

Mr. John Howell and Miss Rufner, of Burrowsville, attended services here Sunday.

Charles Lust was in Mansfield last week on account of the illness of a relative.

Rev. Waltz and wife went to Lake City Saturday to attend quarterly meeting there.

J. Doyle and family visited near Milmine Sunday.

T. Huff, of Cerro Gordo, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Thomas and daughter, Miss Lillie, were Bement visitors Thursday.

James McNutt returned to Bloomington last week to resume his studies.

Mr. Haughawout, of Vandalia, visited with Mr. Thomas' family Wednesday.

Mr. White of Atwood, was in our town last week on business.

Rev. Reed, of Decatur assisted by Rev. Pierce and Rev. Dunavan, held an institute at the M. E. church here last week and some of the lectures given were highly appreciated.

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ASSUMPTION.

Drs. A. E. Rockey and R. W. Johnson were in Taylorville Wednesday attending court.

P. M. D. Dowdall was in Taylorville Tuesday and Wednesday on legal business.

Mrs. A. R. Rockey and sister, Mrs. Wm. Ridgley of Monticello were in the county capital Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Lambert is very low with typhoid pneumonia at her home in west Assumption.

B. M. Power has resumed his duties as street commissioner and is making some very much needed improvements.

The case of James Campbell vs. the village of Assumption is in progress in the circuit court this week.

Mrs. James Gontley and son will leave for Nebraska next Tuesday where they will make their future home. Mr. Gontley will join them in a few weeks later.

John Maher of Moweaqua, was in town Tuesday.

Longsbaugh and Shride shipped two loads of hogs to Chicago Tuesday.

Philip Stanley of Moweaqua was in this city Tuesday.

J. H. Pratt and W. H. Melhorn was in Taylorville Tuesday looking after the interest of the village in the Campbell case.

E. J. Smith C. L. Smith, M. D. Lane, John Rogers and Dr. Jackson of Henton were here Tuesday looking after the estate of the late Dr. G. A. Smith.

The Coal company and miners have come to an agreement and articles have been signed and the mine will resume work as soon as some repairing is done.

Mat Weiger moved his family to Bethany the first of the week.

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MT. AUBURN.

J. H. Smith was in Decatur last Saturday.

In the election which was held at Bolton April every man on the democratic ticket was elected as follows: For supervisor, T. J. Berry; town clerk, Jacob Frey; assessor, Robert B. McNeal; commissioner of highways, Reuben Smith; collector, John J. Hart.

Mason Wise has started up a new department to his store, it being millinery.

Charles Troxell and E. J. Smith have returned home after spending a few days at Rock Island.

Charles E. Davis gave a party last Saturday night in favor of his neice, Mabel C. Mooney. It was largely attended and all report they had a good time. It was Mabel's 17th birthday.

Dud Davis is erecting a new house on the old John Davis farm, where William Barnes was recently burned out.

John Mill and Sam Phillip were in Illiopolis last week.

J. L. Foster will clerk in Hussel Bros.' big department store this summer.

Mrs. Charles Click is on the sick list.

John Squires was arrested last week for stealing a gun from Rev. W. A. Johnson. He was taken to Taylorville where he will wait the action of the grand jury which meets next August.

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CADWELL.

The lecture by Rev. Briaker on the evening of the 5th was well attended and appreciated. Subject, "How to Save the Boys."

C. E. Davis shipped about 1100 dozen eggs last Saturday.

Chas. Getz has returned to Cadwell after spending the winter in the hospitals at Springfield and Quincy. Charles' health is no better.

A. L. Smith was in Sullivan Tuesday as a witness in a case of Bowers vs. Hankins.

A. D. Fuller writes from the Philippines that it is mud and rain all the time.

Miss Maggie Smith was an Arthur visitor Saturday.

Albert Landers is building a five room house.

Abram Gonterman's family is on the sick list.

J. B. Martin and Lawrence Buckner took in "The County Visitor" at Sullivan Thursday night of last week.

Reuben Landers of Lovington was looking up his interests in this neighborhood last Saturday.

Rev. Ewing filled his regular appointment Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Wm. Hiday who has been sorely afflicted with rheumatism was able to be out and visit Cadwell Sunday. April 12

ASSUMPTION.

Nicholas Savoy and son Joe are in St. Louis having the latter's deformed foot straightened.

Henry Mell of Moweaqua was in town Wednesday.

A. J. Cochran and Wm. Tunson went to Chicago with six loads of stock Wednesday.

Joe Savoy has resigned his position as engineer at the Brown and Moore hay barn.

A number of Odd Fellows went to Moweaqua to attend the funeral of Mart Snell.

Herman Kuhle, Sr. is quite sick at his home two miles east of Assumption and it is feared he will not recover.

P. M. D. Dowdall is a democratic candidate for state's attorney.

Jas. Croaln took the oath of office as poundmaster Thursday.

Joe McCarty was in Moweaqua Thursday.

Jos. Morton is acting as chief of police during the absence of Jno. Salmon.

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MACON.

Mrs. Anderson and daughter, Elsie, were in Moweaqua Friday.

M. D. Alexander and wife, of Pana, are at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill with apoplexy.

James Combs returned from Rantoul, where he has been attending school.

Rev. A. Willard will preach in the M. E. church Easter morning.

John Van Gundy has purchased the Washburn property in the north part of the city and will get possession May 1.

Mrs. Robert Hight, Mrs. Sarah Lawley and Mrs. William Dankel attended a surprise at Moweaqua on Mrs. J. L. Atterbury, it being her 50th birthday.

Prof. Dickerson and Madden occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening and gave some good talks on higher education.

Mrs. Fred Lewis, of Decatur, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Zollars.

Walt Walker and wife, of Assumption, are the guests of John Van Gundy and wife.

Mrs. Clem Smith, of Edinburg spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Davis.

Miss Maude Stevens, of Monticello, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Dora Patterson.

Cecil Kryder and Earl Crow, of Blue Mound, were guests of Macon girls Friday evening.

Jesse Lawley and Earl Brooks were in Blue Mound Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Davis is visiting relatives in Lintner this week.

The Y. M. C. A. met with Rev. McWhorter on Monday evening of this week. They have rented the Cazalet building and will begin fixing up the room at once.

J. H. McDavis is moving a house for Will Davis east of town this week.

Mrs. Braden, of Chicago, is the seventh member of the family at the M. and E. S. Home, arriving Tuesday of last week.

Sam Kingsley was in Decatur Sunday returning Barry Orchard's horse that he has been using the past winter at the M. and E. S. Home.

Ed. Hopson has lost a valuable horse the past week.

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WARRENSBURG.

Miss Mattie Jones, of Midland City, expects to spend Easter with her sister, Mrs. Randolph.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeriah Allen returned last Wednesday from Auburn, Nebraska, where they had visited with Mrs. Anna Allen for three weeks.

Rev. Van Anken, of Michigan, gave a very interesting lecture; also stereopticon views of "The Prodigal Son," at the Congregational church last Thursday night. He intended leaving the same night but was very suddenly taken ill, however, he managed to take the train on Friday morning.

An exciting scene occurred which also promised to be a very serious affair, on Monday about 2 p. m. when a gasoline lamp exploded in Reuben Herrod's hardware store. The roof was sealed with tin but in one place the tin seemed to be torn off, hence the fire gained admittance to the roof. The wind was so very strong that the roof soon burned considerably but fortunately the fire engine is kept just back of the hardware store and the town well is near, so with the favors the fire was finally quenched but not until the roofing was badly burned.

George Lewis returned home Thursday from Chicago, whither he had gone with a car load of cattle.

The child of Mr. and Mrs John Tosh has been dangerously ill.

Mrs Heater, mother of Rev. W. T. Heter, is ill.

Mr. and Mrs Charles Conley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ingham, of Bullardsville.

Asa Crossman's team got away from him last Thursday near Rolling school house. He was thrown from the wagon but fortunately was not hurt much. The team and wagon also received little damage.

There were four admissions by letter to the M. E. church last Sunday. They were Rev. Knight, Mrs Knight and their two sons.

Easter services will be held at the M. E. church Sunday at 10:30.

Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church held their annual election of officers last Wednesday. Mrs. Slonaker was elected president and Mrs. Major vice president.

Mrs. Ash, of Harristown, called at Warrensburg on Tuesday evening.

Charles Faith is making quite an improvement on the property he recently purchased.

Mr. Waymire of Elwood, Ind., has purchased of Mr. Parmenter the restaurant. Mrs. Waymire is expected here this week. She was formerly a resident of this place, being the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Major. Her many friends welcome her return.

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BEMENT.

Horace Waldeman is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Shonkwiler of Monticello spent Sunday with friends in our city.

Wilbur Hammond and wife were on the sick list the past week.

Val High moved his family into the White property in the south part of town last week.

Miss Wilhelmina Ernst spent Sunday at home.

Harvey Fay transacted business in Decatur Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin of Monticello visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson.

John Breen was in Hammond Friday.

Messrs. James Lamb and Harvey Vance are home from Medical College at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Masterson were Monticello visitors Saturday.

Miss Allie Howard of Decatur visited her parents last week.

Messrs. Clint Stafford and Phillip Latch of Burrowsville were Bement visitors Saturday.

Miss Taura Lux of Monticello spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Della Medaris.

Fred Camp visited Decatur Thursday.

Troy Medaris of Monticello visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Medaris a few days of last week.

Will Parrish of Decatur was here Monday.

Miss Minnie Fisher of Monticello spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. J. T. Moore was called to Brazil, Ind., by the serious illness of her sister.

County Superintendent McIntosh of Monticello visited friends in our city Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Hirt and children of Monticello visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman a few days of last week.

Mrs. Mulvihill returned home Tuesday from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoneburner of Shelbyville have purchased the Ideal of Miss Lilye Peck. They will do dress making.

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WELDON.

Mrs. Thomas Cooper and Carl Long drove to Maroa, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swigart went to Farmer City Sunday, where they visited with Mr. Swigart's parents.

Charlie Miles went to DeLand Friday afternoon to attend commencement exercises and also the alumni banquet Saturday evening.

Cooper Swigart and sister, Grace, drove to Farmer City Thursday afternoon, returning Friday.

Miss Maggie Wharin, who has been teaching in the DeLand schools, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. McMackin.

Mrs. Jennie Drake and daughter, Mamy, from Monticello, were here Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Fleming went to Clinton Tuesday.

Lem O'Daffer from Bement, and wife, visited with John Gobles' family over Sunday.

Nelson Johnson, of Farmer City, attended the banquet given by Rathbone Sisters Saturday evening.

Dwight Herrick and Miss Clara Robinson, from Farmer City, drove to Weldon Sunday. They were the guests of Miss Grace Swigart.

Miss Gertrude Trizzell, from near DeLand, visited at Mr. Thomas' last Thursday.

L. S. Carr and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Webb Shaw, near Clinton Sunday.

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CISCO.

L. A. Mclein is the owner of a fine new surrey.

Mrs. A. Oxley is ill of pneumonia.

Thos. Ayres of Weldon and Monroe Dillow of South Willow Branch were in town Monday and took the train for Decatur.

Grandma Young is sick with lung fever.

Both of the lectures given here Thursday night were well attended.

John Rank the bookkeeper for Croninger & Co.'s bank here is visiting at home a few days this week.

The infant child of Charles Croninger died Sunday night of lung fever.

A. H. Jones who has been ill for quite a while of pneumonia is reported better.

It is reported that the Cisco school district has absorbed the East Cisco district.

Rufus Kistler died of consumption on Saturday at 3 p. m. He had been sick for several years. Just recently he took a trip to Missouri thinking it would benefit him but while there he got so much worse his brother Lewis had to go and bring him home. He arrived home a week from last Saturday at 4.30 p. m. and died last Saturday at his residence in town at 3.00 p. m. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:10 o'clock. Rev. Moose assisted by Rev. Hathaway, officiating. The interment was at the Croninger cemetery.

There was quite a little excitement on Main street on Monday about the noon hour. Frank Jones' team became frightened and ran down Main street till they came to the implement house of W. S. and W. S. Paris. Here W. S. Paris attempted to stop them. They turned the wagon over breaking one of Mr. Parish's arms, also injuring his knee and cutting his leg besides being bruised.

April 10.

WAYNESVILLE.

One of our former residents, Stephen Short, now residing at Wapella, fell out of a hay wagon Sunday and broke a leg. He is a brother of Hadley and William Short of this place.

Mrs. H. D. Bayless was 29 years of age Monday. The event was celebrated by quite a number of relatives who gathered in and gave a surprise dinner.

Work has begun on Prof. Finfrock's new dwelling east of the academy.

D. D. Bayless has returned from Keokuk, Iowa, and will spend the summer at home.

A female McKinley-Warner marching club was formed Monday evening at the public hall. Mrs. Thomas Yeakel was chosen president, Mrs. Frank Dix, vice president, and Mrs. Rena Wikle, secretary.

On April 5 death again entered the portals of the Finfrock home, one and one-half miles east of town. This time we have to report the demise of Grace, wife of Ernest Finfrock. She was aged nearly 25 years, and died from the ravages of consumption. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church and the remains were interred in Union cemetery. She moved in the best of society, was a constant wife, a beloved neighbor and a devout Christian.

Yeakle brothers have begun work at their brick yard.

Levi Cantrell is very ill with lung fever, yet, who though he is very aged, hopes are entertained of his recovery.

April 10.

LA PLACE.

J. M. Heckman visited here Sunday.

John Shively and wife and Misses Wampler and Zeigler drove to Decatur Saturday.

Madison Adams, J. Hoyt and John Jolly were Decatur callers Saturday.

Miss Mohler visited at home Sunday.

Rev. William Bingaman came Wednesday and will stay in town this summer.

John Etnoyer and wife, of Cerro Gordo, visited at S. S. Miller's Sunday.

B. E. Fleck visited Cerro Gordo on business Monday.

E. Beery and wife visited J. Ulrey and mother Sunday.

E. E. Saylor and wife were Decatur callers Tuesday.

Mesdames Davidson, Tohill and Espy were shopping in Decatur Wednesday.

The funeral of W. W. McSherry, who died Sunday evening, was held at the church east of town Monday. The burial was in the cemetery north east of town.

Simon Cripe is on the sick list.

Mrs. Underwood was ill a few days this week.

The Casner Y. P. S. C. E. has accepted an invitation to conduct the Endeavor services here Easter Sunday evening.

Services will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday afternoon.

April 11.

PRAIRIE HOME.

Miss Myrtle Sheffle, commenced school at East Center Monday after an illness of two weeks.

Dave Sanner's children have the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Avery's baby is very sick with scarlet fever.

Robt. Hennigh met with quite an accident this morning, when cutting hot steel a piece flying up hitting him in the eye cutting it very badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Noon are both quite sick with lung fever.

Mrs. Cora Beck and Miss Hattie Beck were shopping in Moweaqua Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thompson were Moweaqua visitors Saturday.

Misses Mollie and Bass McIlvain are visiting their sister, Mrs. Chas. Sanner.

Mrs. Arlie Boulen was called to Iowa last week to the bedside of her sister.

Walter Sanner's brother, Eugene McDaniels of Arkansas is visiting here, he met with quite an accident a few weeks ago while trying to jump on the train and slipping and having his foot cut off at the instep.

W. M. Beck and son Robert were Bethany visitors Tuesday.

April 12.

CERRO GORDO.

Mrs. Snyder and children visited in Decatur Monday.

Mrs. Belle Hall has returned to Champaign Monday after visiting here.

Mesdames Peck and Mills were Decatur visitors Monday.

Sylvester Craw, Geo. Wood, Fred Welty, Filmore Peck and Elton Stevens went to Monticello Tuesday as jurymen.

Mrs. Eliza Garver was at Decatur Tuesday.

T. J. Wimmer has moved into the Stevens store building while his residence undergoes repairs. April 12.

BOODY.

McKenney & Cooper are putting down a well for William Pattee.

The Boody elevator is paying 35c for corn.

The Modern Woodman will give an entertainment at the town hall next Saturday night.

J. R. Wise transacted business in Blue Mound Tuesday.

Chas. Weatherford's children are down with the measles.

There were 66 straight republican, 61 democrat and 80 scratched tickets cast at the election last Tuesday.

Lynn Smith is improving.

Smith & Black shipped a car load of hogs to Buffalo, N. Y. Wednesday.

Easter services will be observed at Blue Mound chapel Sunday morning.

F. M. Shuck and family are visiting her father W. H. Stevens.

April 12.

MOWEAQUA.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Evans, March 31, twin girls.

John Naso of Decatur spent Sunday evening in Moweaqua.

J. S. Crawford of Decatur was here on business Tuesday.

Mrs. T. Ponting spent Sunday in Decatur with Mrs. John Imboden.

Miss Maud Haslan returned to Bloomington Monday, after spending her spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haslan.

Mrs. H. M. Owen and daughter spent the latter part of the week with her father, N. Francis.

Ben Armstrong, of Niantic, was in Moweaqua last Thursday.

Miss Fannie Bairwish, of Decatur, spent the latter part of last week here with her sister, Mrs. S. S. Clappet.

Rev. Leonard is conducting services at the Presbyterian church this week.

Mrs. Charles Morris returned to her home in Decatur last Thursday, after a visit with her parents.

April 10.

HARRISTOWN.

The Misses Ash are located in their new home.

The night agent, O. L. Ferguson, has been transferred to Carpenter, Ill.

The M. E. Sunday school will give an Easter program Sunday morning.

Rev. D. T. Miles is attending the Ministerial Association of Decatur district at Lovington.

Mrs. S. Knight has gone to Decatur to attend the funeral of her sister.

Rev. White is in attendance at the assembly of Christian preachers in Mason City.

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MORGANSVILLE.

James Burchell attended the teachers' examination at Taylorville Saturday.

Henry Gemmer is very sick with pneumonia.

Ora Crawford of near Blue Mound visited here Sunday.

Miss Taylor spent Sunday with friends at Niantic.

Charlie Augustine is the owner of an "incubator on wheels."

The mumps and measles have been quite prevalent here during the last two weeks.

Will Hupp and John Burchell attended the Canadian concert at Blue Mound Monday evening. April 12.

PROTECT SEA GULLS.

Game Warden Loveday Begins a Crusade.

State Game Warden Loveday has commenced war on the milliners, in so far as the use of sea gulls for hat trimming is concerned. Loveday's movement is the result of an effort on the part of the Audubon society to have the spring bird come down from its perch on the spring hat. It is argued that the old plan of going after the man who kills the bird, for the man who stuffs the bird for the man who sells the bird, to the woman who wears the bird on her Easter bonnet is all nonsense. So long as the sea gulls and terns and robins are worth 25c apiece, plumage hunters will kill them. And so long as they are combined in fetching millinery women will buy them with one hand and pay out money to the anti-cruelty society with the other.

The gulls are said to be of great benefit to Chicago. They eat refuse along the lake shore that otherwise would go into the lake and into the water that probably two thirds of the people drink. They collect about the mouths of the sewers that open out into the lake, the gulls feeding on what they can snatch from the surface of the water, the terns diving underneath for it. They pick up dead fish, and after every storm they cover the beach for miles in search of whatever the waves wash up. They are absolutely harmless, and they do an immense amount of good. By the terms of the state game law it is illegal to kill sea gulls and terns at any time of the year, but in spite of this they are being picked off constantly by hunters. Gulls range in price from 12½ cents to 25 cents, and terns from 15 to 25 cents. When killed in this part of the country they are sent to the east, prepared for millinery and shipped back to Chicago dealers. For ten years in New York milliners agents have waged war on the sea gulls. The agents of one firm alone have killed 40,000 in one season, and along the coast they are killed at the rate of 70,000 a year. So serious a menace has the slaughter of the gulls become to the health of New York city that the American Ornithologists' union is now making an appeal on sanitary and business considerations for the saving of these birds. Driven away by the strictly enforced laws on the eastern coast, the plumage hunters have planned to kill the gulls in their breeding places this year and hunt them along the shores of the lakes. "Yes, birds are more stylish than ever," says a milliner. "But what is to be done about it? Women like birds on hats. We sell hats. There you are."

State Taxes.

On Thursday County Treasurer Joseph Miller remitted to State Treasurer Whittemore the sum of $20,992.11 state taxes. This does not represent all of the state tax paid by the people of Macon county but only that portion that has already been collected.

Marriage Licenses.

Albert Whitaker, Macon..............40
Sarah F. Roff, Moweaqua..............26

Horatio Vandever, Taylorville..........32
Mrs. Ella Cox, Blue Mound...........25

Barred Plymouth Rocks. First prize cockerel Danville, Ill., scored 93¼ by Pierce, heads pen No. 1, mated with 10 pullets, scored from 92 to 93½. P. Williams Mass strain. 15 eggs for $2.50. Cockerels 92½ heads pen 2 and 3, 15 eggs from these pens $1.50 to $2; eggs from pens not scored 75c. A few fine hens yet for sale cheap. Write your wants and book your orders now for eggs. O. C. Radcliff, Riverside grocer, Decatur, Ill.

WILL COUNT CATTLE.

An Effort Will Be Made To Secure More Accurate Statistics.

The live stock interests of the United States are to be given special attention in the Twelfth Census. In previous enumerations the live stock on farms and ranges have been enumerated on the farm schedule, but all other live stock have been disregarded. This limitation interfered with the correctness of the census figures and resulted in misrepresentation of an important element in national wealth. To remove the difficulty congress has passed a law, approved Feburary 1, 1900, which allows the director of the census to collect "information concerning the number and kinds of live stock not on farms."

For this purpose a special schedule has been prepared by the census office, on which all live stock not on farms or ranges are to be reported, by the barns or enclosures in which they are kept. By combining the results of this schedule with those on the farm schedule, the office should obtain a full and accurate picture of the live stock conditions of the United States, June 1, 1900.

This improvemet will be of value not merely for itself, but because the department of agriculture each year makes an enumeration or estimate of the number of live stock in the country, correspondence with its thousands of special agents scattered over the United States. Now in January, there are few young animals, and prices of live stock are high. For both reasons the average valuation per head obtained by the Department of Agriculture enumeration tends to exceed the truth. On the other hand that Department confines its attention to farms and ranges, omitting live stock in barns and enclosures. The latter class are worth rather more on the average per head than the former. These two sources of error thus tend to counterbalance.

The animals are to be classified by age, somewhat as the people of the United States, but of course with much less detail. The special schedule classifies the neat cattle into these under one year and those over one. The second class is divided into steers, bulls and cows, the steers being sub divided into those one and under two, two and under three, and over three; the cows being classified into those one and under two, and those over two, the latter being subdivided into those kept for milk and those not kept for milk.

Horses and mules are classified as those under one, those one and under two, and those over two. Sheep are classified into those under one and over one, with the distinction in the latter class into ewes and rams and wethers. The other classes of live stock, namely, asses and burros, swine and goats, are not classified by age.

The object of this grouping of live stock is to furnish some basis for estimating the probable increase of horses, mules, cattle or sheep in the near future. The widening of the inquiry to include live stock not on farms or ranges has the same end in view, namely, to afford a survey of the whole live stock interests of the country, since animals are constantly passing from the farms or ranges to the barns or enclosures and back.

The following table derived from the statistics of the Department of Agriculture shows the way in which the number of live stock has been increasing within the last two years:

Number of live stock on farms and ranges.

	1898	1899	1900
Sheep	37,656,960	39,114,453	41,883,065
Milch cows	15,840,886	15,990,115	16,292,360
Other cattle	29,264,197	27,994,225	27,610,054
Mules	2,190,282	2,134,213	2,086,027
Horses	13,960,911	13,665,307	13,537,524
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Increase in 2 yrs.	Decrease in 2 yrs.
Sheep	4,226,105	
Milch cows	451,474	
Other cattle		1,654,143
Mules		104,255
Horses		423,387
Total	4,677,579	2,181,785

It will be noticed that the estimated number of live stock excluding swine, goats, asses and burros, in the country has increased over 2,500,000 in the last two years, and it must be borne in mind that these figures apply to farms and ranges only.

The value of the same classes of live stock according to estimates from the same source has increased both because the number has grown and because the value per head has risen, the net addition to the wealth of the country from this source in the last two years being nearly one-third of a million dollars. The total value on this national asset at the present time, including with these classes of live stock, asses and burros, swine and goats, and the animals off the farms and ranges, is probably not less than three billion dollars.

Death at Moweaqua.

W. A. Bright was called to Moweaqua yesterday by the death of his brother-in-law, Mark Snell. The deceased was 47 years old and his death was due to consumption. He is survived by two children. The service will be at Moweaqua at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Frank Bright will go to Moweaqua this forenoon to attend the funeral.

Illinois Conventions.

Waukegan, April 12—The democrats of Lake county held their convention today and selected uninstructed delegates.

Marion, April 12—The fiftieth district republican senatorial convention today nominated delegates favorable to Gov. Tanner.

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TWENTY-SECOND

ARE IN RETREAT

News From the Front to th[e] Effect that Boers Are Retiring.

INVESTMENT OF WEPENE[R]

Is Said to Have Been Entir[e] Abandoned by the Burghers.

GOOD NEWS IS EXPECTE[D]

Distrust of the Ability of Roberts to Re[ach] Pretoria Soon.

London, April 17.—Lord Roberts spread his net far and wide to catch adventurous commandos that have b[een] making mischief in the southeastern [part] of the Free State. The net has not b[een] drawn in, but, at the headquarters of R[ob]erts, the impression exists that the po[sition] of the Boers is decreasing. The D[aily] News correspondent saw them fleeing [to] the southeast. The Standard correspo[nd]ent reports them fleeing northward. [The] Daily Telegraph correspondent says so[me] are going north and others south; w[hile] the Morning Post representative says [it is] not known what the Boers are doing.

Evidently the feeling at Bloemfontein that the dispositions of Roberts are [such as] to enable him to concentrate a large fo[rce] rapidly at any point. The Boers, b[eing] aware of this, are presumed to be think[ing] now chiefly of retreat. The investmen[t of] Wepener, according to a special despa[tch] from Bloemfontein has absolutely b[een] abandoned.

According to a Bethany despatch [the] Boers are unable to retreat northward [because] the British strongly hold all ro[ads] [...] reports come from Natal, one [...] ting that the Boers have retired bey[ond the] Biggarsberg range and another say[ing] some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London awaits confidently for al[most] the immediate announcement of r[esults] favorable to the British.

Distrust exists, however, as to any r[apid] and continuous advance toward Preto[ria] chiefly on account of the lack of ho[rses,] many of which die in case of long [...] ages. Letters from the Cape say a t[...] days' journey by rail is made in [...] trucks, that arrangements for feeding [and] watering are inadequate and that the [un]fortunate animals break down rapid[ly] consequence of these hardships. De[spite] the energy of its buyers abroad, the office foresees much difficulty in supp[lying] the enormous number of horses requ[ired].

The Boers Retreating.

London, April 16—The Daily [Tele]graph's Bloemfontein correspondent [says:] "The Boers have raised the sieg[e of] Wepener and have left Rouxville. A [ma]jority of them have undoubtedly ret[reated] north with the exception of a bo[dy of] about 6000, now reported to be going [to]ward Bethulie."

The Daily News Reddersberg sp[ecial] dated Friday says: "Gen. Chermside[...] the rear guard of the Boers dis[appearing] southeast in full retreat. The ener[my ap]pear to be strong in force 11 miles [of] Reddersberg. They are falling ba[ck be]fore our advance guard."

The Standard's Bloemfontein [special] says: "The Boers are in full retrea[t from] Wepener, hugging the Basutoland b[order.] The Basutos are marching parallel [with] them along the frontier, watching [closely] for the slightest encroachment."

The Daily Mail's Lorenzo-Marque[s spe]cial says "The tone of the Standar[d and] Digger's News shows the Transvaa[l gov]ernment is relying strongly upon [Europe]an intervention. Great results [are ex]pected from the campaign of Webst[er Davis] and from the presidential contes[t."]

"While the semi-blockade of [Delagoa] Bay has not done the slightest h[arm to] the Transvaal, it has enriched [...] firms at the expense of the ruined [...] ers."

The Daily Mail has the followi[ng from] Lady Sarah Wilson, dated Mafekin[g, April] 8: "The pinch of hunger is begin[ning to] be felt, and relief seems more dist[ant than] ever.

"Since March 31, there has b[een no] shelling until today, Commandan[t Snyd]man having taken his burghers to [oppose] Plumer's advance. Yesterday how[ever he] returned and the bombardment [was re]newed today with the splendid h[igh ve]locity guns, firing 14 pound shells [which] have not been used since the first [of] the siege.

The military authorities say the[ir] artillery has nothing to compa[re with] there guns."

The Morning Post's Bloemfonte[in spe]cial says: "Some of the bodies [of Boers] prowling around are even coming [within] eight or ten miles of Bloemfontei[n. The] Johannesburg "Zarps" actually [entered] the town one night and escaped [without] being discovered.

"The Boer demonstration yes[terday at] Karee Siding was designed to c[over the] withdrawal of an immense convoy [of pro]visions. There is no doubt th[at the in]cursion into the southeastern par[t of the] Free State was largely due to the [...] the replenishing victuals in the m[ost fer]tile part of the country. This [explains] why the enemy marched south w[...]

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